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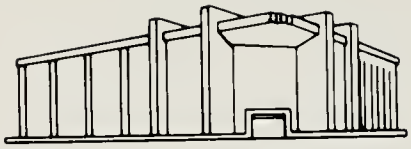

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It is our hope that this gathering of Obituaries will simplify the search for information on the relatives or friends that have gone before us and will further the interest in Genealogy.

The SURNAME INDEX includes only the name of the person deceased and does not include other persons that may be mentioned in the obituaries.

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THIS PROJECT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

MAMIE FRANCES (CARPENTER) HENDRICKS

Mamie F. Hendricks

Memorial services were held Thursday, November 17, 1994 at the Library in Lake Isabella for Mamie F. Hendricks of Lake Isabella. Mamie was born August 17, 1913 in St. Joseph, Missouri and passed away November 9, 1994 in Mt. Mesa.

Mamie was married to Steve Hendricks in 1932 and had 49 years together until he passed away in 1981. She was a clerk at the U.S. Post Office in San Jose for 20 years before retiring in 1978. Mamie was a member of the NARF, Senior Nutrition, the Clan Diggers and the NSDAR.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Alice and Cecil Dale of Lake Isabella; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law John and Judy Hendricks of Mt. View, Calif.; also many neices and nephews and grand neices and grand nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

NSDAR

The Kawaiisu chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a memorial service for Mamie Hendricks on Nov 17 at the Library in Lake Isabella. The service was presented by Marian Adkins, Regent. Attending the service were her sister, Alice and Cecil Dale of Lake Isabella and family; brother-in-law John and Marie Hendricks of Mt. View, Calif., and family; and three neices, Mamme and Mike Markieviez of Albuquerque, N.M. and family, Janet and Robert Gibson of San Jose and family, and Cherrie Rubnankara and son of Sacramento. Also present were many friends and members of the NARF, Clan Diggers, NSDAR, and Senior Nutrition. Mamie was a charter member of the Senior Nutrition organization. Nadelle Getting announced that Mamie's name would be placed on a plaque at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Mamie was an active and faithful member of our chapter. The offices she held in four years as a member were Chaplain, Registrar, Lineage Research, Membership and press book chairman. During the memorial service red, white, and blue carnations were placed by our members. The hall was decorated in red, white, and blue. Refreshments were served by Phyllis Piper and Marge Laskowski.

Wednesday
Jan. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Ronald Milton Klievoneit

Ronald Milton Klievoneit, age 57, passed away on December 30, 1992 in Kernville. He was born in Keego Harbor, Michigan, on August 10, 1935. Ronald has lived here in the valley for 11 years and owned the French Gulch Marina.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Norlyne of Wofford Heights; his children Sharon Klievoneit of Pennsylvania, Linda Kabot of New York, David Klievoneit of New York and Randy Newton of Palmdale; his mother Arlene Clem of Lake Isabella; brother Harold Klievoneit of Arizona; and 7 grandchildren.

Ronald was the past president of the Kern Valley Fish and Game Habitat Improvement Club. He also worked with the Kern River Valley Visitors' Council.

Private arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Kern Valley Hospital.

Wednesday
Jan. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Victor V. Little

Little, Victor V., age 83, of Kernville for 21 years passed away at his home December 25, 1992. Mr. Little was a retired Detective Sgt. for the Los Angeles Police Dept. where he worked for 21 years and has received many commendations for his detective work. He was a member of the Alhambra Progressive Lodge #322 and was a Master Mason, F & AM. He was also a Shriner and belonged to the Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, a son, Glenn Little of Oregon, a brother, Ellwood Little of Kansas, a sister, Patricia Morrison of Colorado, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He has two brothers who have pre-deceased him, Donald of Kansas and Leverne of Oregon.

Remembrances may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Private cremation services are under the direction of Neptune Society Bakersfield.

Wednesday
Jan. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Philip Otto Liebel

Philip Otto Liebel, age 84, passed away on December 25, 1992 in Bakersfield, CA. Philip was born in Isabella on April 14, 1908. He spent more than 60 years here in the valley. He was in mining for many years.

He is survived by his brother Frank of Lake Isabella; his nephew Henry Liebel of Bodfish; and 3 sisters Mary Edal of New Mexico, Carolyn Howser of Onyx, and Margaret Basefield of Bakersfield.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Valley Mortuary and funeral services were held Thursday December 31 at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Philip will be missed by his many friends and family.

Wednesday
Jan. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Darryl Irvin McDonald

The funeral for Darryl Irvin McDonald of Southwest Portland, Oregon was held in the chapel of Mt. Scott Funeral Home. Interment will be in Willamette National Cemetery.

He died of injuries suffered in an automobile collision in Southwest Portland. Mr. McDonald was 51.

Born July 15, 1941, in Bakersfield, California, he was a graduate of the Kern Valley High School in Lake Isabella, California. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. McDonald had lived in the Portland area for the past eight years.

Mr. McDonald had worked in the field of film processing and lithographics for the past 30 years and had been promoted to master stripper. At the time of his death, he was employed by Color Tech.

Survivors include his wife, Doreen L.; his sons, Darryl of Kona, Hawaii, John Blay of Portland and Robert Blay of Phoenix, Arizona; his daughters, Timi Rexroat, Jaylynn and Darah, all of Kona; his sisters, Carol McLain of Ridgecrest, California; Mary Rychman and Patricia Napombejr, both of Weldon, California; Evelyn Callahan of Portland, Ruthie Rodriguez of Onyx, California, and Jeaneanne of Medical Lake Village, Washington; his brothers, Bill of Quartz Hill, California, John of Woodland Hills, California, Martin Hess of Bakersfield, California and Michael Hess of Onyx; and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to a fund for his survivors in care of the Southwest 13th Avenue and Barbur Boulevard branch of First Interstate Bank of Oregon.

Wednesday
Jan. 6, 1993

ACCIDENT

CHP Report

Kent R. McCollough, 35, of Bodfish, was killed while operating a dune buggy on B.L.M. property in the Keyesville area on Dec. 31. McCollough was wearing a long scarf around his neck that apparently got caught around the left rear drive axle of the dune buggy. McCollough was using a seat belt, but due to the nature of the accident, he sustained fatal injuries.

Wednesday
Jan. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Bill Pearman

Bill Pearman was born into this world on January 20, 1917 in Cario, Illinois. In 1942 Bill and his wife Anna moved to the Los Angeles Basin where Bill worked his entire life as a baker. He and Anna moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977 where they have resided the last 15 years. Bill was a valued and active member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

He was taken from this life to be at home with the Lord on December 12 at his home in Bodfish. Services were held December 16 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with Pastor Deryl Lackey presiding.

Bill is survived by his wife of 54 years, Anna; two sons, Phil Pearman of Lake Isabella and Leland Pearman of Lake Elsinore, California; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Wednesday
Jan. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Doris Georgia Sabo

Doris Georgia Sabo, age 80, died December 22, 1992, in Lake Isabella. She was born in Belville, Ontario, Canada on January 17, 1912.

She has been a resident of Wofford Heights for the past 4 years. She was an artist for Walt Disney for many years and was a Real Estate Broker.

Mrs. Sabo was an active member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her husband, Al Sabo of Wofford Heights, and two sisters Marjorie Tomchick and June Gausden, both of Michigan.

Private services were made by Valley Mortuary, Inc. Memorial services are pending.

Wednesday
Jan. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Leonard Carl Rowlett

Leonard Carl Rowlett, age 76, died on January 3, 1993, in Lake Isabella. He was born in Harrison, Arkansas on August 26, 1916.

He was a resident of Weldon for the past 18 years and a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge.

Mr. Rowlett is survived by his wife of 56 years, Muriel, and his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Janet Rowlett of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Private arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Kent Robert McCollough

A funeral service was held Monday, January 4, 1993 at 12:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Kent Robert McCollough of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor David Snow. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

Kenny was born April 16, 1957 in Downey, California and died December 31, 1992 in Lake Isabella. He was 35 years old. He was a 16 year resident of the Kern River Valley and a building contractor for the last 4 years.

He is survived by his daughter Elissa McCollough of Lake Isabella; mother and stepfather Mary and Vic Gomm of Southlake; fiancee Cathy Casey and her sons Brian and Jimmy; brother Dell McCollough of Lake Isabella; brother Randall McCollough of Cerritos, California; brother Jim McCollough of Cerritos, California; sister Pam Sargent of Whittier, California; and sister Dori Cravens of Ridgecrest, California.

Kenny McCollough was a kind, considerate and loving person. He was a genuine and dedicated father and friend to all who knew him. Kenny loved all sports, especially jet skiing during the summer. Kenny's untimely death has been a great loss to his family and friends, but his presence will be felt by the fond memories each one of us hold so dear to our hearts.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Jan. 20, 1993

OBITUARY

John Gerald Murphy

A Mass for Christian burial was held Tuesday, January 19, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. with a Rosary preceding it at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for John Gerald Murphy of Squirrel Valley. Officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Murphy was born in Detroit, Michigan, July 12, 1923 and died January 14, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 69 years old. He served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII and retired from Hughes Aircraft after 35 years of service.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Genevieve Murphy of Squirrel Valley; son Michael Murphy of Oxnard, California; son Kevin Murphy of Agua Dulce, California; son Daniel Murphy of Camarillo, California; daughter Patricia Harker of Lake Isabella; sister Peggy Kellerman of Sylmar, California; and 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Mr. Murphy was an 8 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Jan. 27, 1993

OBITUARY

Kent Robert McCollough

A funeral service was held Monday, January 4, 1993 at 12:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Kent Robert McCollough of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor David Snow. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

Kenny was born April 16, 1957 in Downey, California and died December 31, 1992 in Lake Isabella. He was 35 years old. He was a 16 year resident of the Kern River Valley and a building contractor for the last 4 years.

He is survived by his daughter Elissa McCollough of Lake Isabella; mother and step-father Mary and Vic Gomm of Southlake; fiancee Cathy Casey and her sons Brian and Jimmy; brother Dell McCollough of Lake Isabella; brother Randall McCollough of Cerritos, California; brother Jim McCollough of Cerritos, California; sister Pam Sargent of Whittier, California; and sister Dori Cravens of Ridgecrest, California.

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Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Jan. 27, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert John Eiseman

Robert John Eiseman, age 49, died January 14, 1993, in Weldon. He was born February 28, 1943 in Queens, New York. Bob has been a resident of Weldon for the past 8 yeas. He was owner of Hoffman Seals & Supply in Mt. Mesa.

Services were held Wednesday, January 20 at Kern River Christian Church in South Lake.

He is survived by his daughter Lisa Eiseman of Pennsylvania; his sister Marilyn Leibman of New York; his mother Dorothy Eiseman of New York; nephew Daniel Leibman of San Diego and niece Deborah McEntee of New York. Also, 2 great-nieces and 1 grand-nephew.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

DeHaven Scott

DeHaven Scott, age 74, died January 27, 1993, in Mt. Mesa, California. He was born March 17, 1918 in Rosenburg, Texas. DeHaven worked for Shell Oil Co. for 35 years. He was a resident of Bodfish for the last five years.

Visitation was held Monday, February 1, at the Valley Mortuary. Services were Tuesday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lucy of Bodfish; daughter Linda Moore of Lake Isabella; sister Elane Pinet of Texas; and 1 grandson Kevin Moore.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Marcel Gerard Racicot

Marcel Gerard Racicot was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts on November 3, 1928. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and retired from Hughes Aircraft after 30 years.

He is survived by a son James; one brother Ernie; and two sisters Julie of Florida; and Louise of Maine.

Marcel died January 24, 1993 at Kern Valley Hospital. He was 64 years old.

Private arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Feb. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Ruth Margaret Parker

A Mass for Christian burial was held Tuesday, January 26, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. with a Rosary preceding it at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Ruth Margaret Parker of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Parker was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, April 16, 1927 and died January 22, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 65 years old. She was a member of the VFW and had worked at the Kern Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years Kenneth Parker of Wofford Heights; son James Parker of La Cresenta, California; daughter Anita Nobles of Virginia; brother William Elms of Wisconsin; brother John Elms of Wisconsin; sister Gladys Jaber, also of Wisconsin; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Parker was a resident of Wofford Heights for nine years.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Feb. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Barbara Jean Ascherin

Barbara Jean Ascherin, age 54, died January 25, 1993, in Bakersfield, California. She was born in Inglewood, California on February 4, 1938. She had been a resident of La Cresenta for many years, and a resident of Wofford Heights for the last six years. She worked for AT&T for 20 years.

Services were held on Monday, February 1, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at Valley Mortuary, Inc. in Lake Isabella, California. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

She is survived by her husband, Harley Ascherin of La Cresenta; son Stephen Bertrand of Iowa; daughter Cheryl Paulin of Ridgecrest; daughter Jan McClinton of San Clemente, California; daughter Joan Maldonado of Long Beach; daughter Suelaine Bertrand of Thousand Oaks, California; her parents Honor & Irene Fowler of Yucca Valley, California; brother George Fowler of Berkeley, California; and nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary, Inc.

Wednesday
Feb. 3, 1993

OBITUARY -

Forest Wayne Young

Forest Wayne Young (Rusty), age 62, died January 24, 1993 in Lake Isabella. He was born September 11, 1930 in Ana, Illinois. Rusty was retired from the Teamsters Union. He was a member of the Elks Lodge. He had lived in Wofford Heights for two years.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, January 28 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years Joyce; daughter Lisa Marie Stranathan of Mira Loma, California; Tracy Ann Young of Buena Park, California; son John D. Young of Okinawa, Japan; mother Amy Carhart of Illinois; brother Charles Carhart of Illinois; brother Harold Young of Louisiana; brother Richard Young of Utah; also two granddaughters.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary, Inc.

Wednesday
Feb. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Donald Bernard Roach

Donald Bernard Roach, age 70, died January 19, 1993 in Brawley, California. He was born in Oklahoma on February 9, 1922. He had lived in Wofford Heights for nine years.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years Alfa of Wofford Heights; his daughter Barbara Martin of Lemoore, California; daughter Carol Gaylord of Lake Isabella; son Jerry Vickers of Michigan; brother John Roach of Bell Gardens; and 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 26, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Feb. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Joan Lee Whyte

Joan Lee Whyte, age 61, died January 25, 1993 in Wofford Heights. She was born on March 29, 1931 in Waverly, Kansas. She has been a resident of Wofford Heights for the past six years and been a member of the Grandmother's Club, Friends of the Library, the Womans Club Historical Society and the Homeowners Association.

A memorial service was held Friday, January 29, 1993 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

She is survived by her husband of 12 years, Thomas; her daughter Janet Grens of Chico, California; son Jeffrey Taylor of Inglewood, California; mother Edith Chaaf of Sun City, California; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Feb. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Claudine (Stine) Price

Claudine Price, a "loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother," died last month following a brief illness, said daughter Marilyn Small.

The Friendly Valley resident was known for the active role she played at her church, Santa Clarita Baptist Church, where services were held last Saturday.

Price is survived by her husband, Rev. Thomas H. Price; son Oliver C. Stine Jr. of Newhall; daughter Marilyn Small of Granada Hills; daughter Linda Wallace of Northridge; son Robert Stine of Newbury Park; sisters Lois Plumb, Dorothy Rossback and Patricia Heady; brother Claude Dunning; nephews Toby and David Rossback; niece Claudia Embree; as well as 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The 76-year-old native of Morristown, South Dakota, lived 35 years in Northridge and 15 years in Weldon before moving to Friendly Valley in 1987.

"Mother lived in such places as diverse as the California desert and the moist tropics of Puerto Rico, the remote South Pacific Island and the exotic South America," said Small.

She wed her first husband, Oliver C. Stine Sr., in 1933. They lived in the desert where her husband worked as superintendent over a project that now routes all the water into Southern California from the Colorado River.

They bought the Fuller Farm Homestead in Northridge in 1939 and formed Stine Bros. Construction. The couple worked in the construction industry in the San Fernando, Simi, Santa Clarita and San Joaquin valleys. From 1974-87, they lived in the Weldon area. They were active at the Weldon Methodist Church.

Oliver C. Stine Sr. was the grandson of Mary Helen Huston, a pioneer who homesteaded a large parcel of land in Simi Valley, making her great-grandchildren sixth generation Californians.

Following the death of her first husband, Price married Rev. Thomas H. Price, a professor emeritus at The Master's College.

Zora Lois Walrath

Zora Lois Walrath, age 78, died February 2, 1993, in Lake Isabella, California. She was born in Rochester, New York, May 15, 1914. Zora worked for the Litton Corp. for 29 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley where she has resided for the past 20 years. Zora was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, AARP, Seniors Center, and the Women of the Moose.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Joe Walrath of Lake Isabella; her daughter Doris Faulkner of Lake Isabella; son Jack Wheeler of New York; son Raymond Wheeler of Colorado; son George Morgan of Los Angeles, California; 15 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, February 5, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations to the cancer or heart fund.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

John Alex Parks

John Alex Parks, age 71, died February 6, 1993 in Bodfish, CA. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 22, 1921. John was a Heat Treater for over 40 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Hazel Parks of Bodfish; son Terry Parks of Gardena, California; son Michael Parks of West Lake, California; son Jack Raitt of Nashua, New Hampshire; daughter Leilani Raitt of Nashua, New Hampshire; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Irene Wade

Irene Wade, age 82, died February 7, 1993. She was born in Grand Island, Nebraska and married John Wade, who has been deceased five years. Active member in the Elks, Eagles, Moose and a bowling team in Mt. Mesa. She resided for 20 years in Southlake.

Wednesday
Feb. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Al Gray

Mr. Charles Alvis "Al" Gray, a 28 year resident of the Kern River Valley passed away on February 5, 1993. Al Gray and his wife Margie have owned and operated Gray's Carpet Cleaning Service since coming to the valley in 1965.

He was most often seen out on the golf course the last 20 years but also enjoyed traveling.

A small service for family and close friends was held at Valley Mortuary on February 13, 1993 with Reverend David Snow of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Gray is survived by his wife Margie; his daughter Darlene of Weldon; son Chuck of Bakersfield; son Ken of Arizona. Other children include Ken Rul, Mike Summers, Sharon Datel and Barbara Mendez. There are also 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at the Lake Isabella Bank of America to help the family offset hospital and medical expenses.

KERN VALLEY SUN

Wednesday
Feb. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Wortley, pioneer packer, miner, author, dies at age 94

By BRET BRADIGAN
Kern Valley Sun

A 10-mule pack train, leaderless, ambled past the throng at the Whiskey Flat Days parade on Saturday. A woman strained her eyes to read the placard attached to a saddlebag, "In memory of Ken Wortley."

"Who is Ken Wortley?," she asked. It was a moment that drew a definable line in the crowd — between the locals and the visitors. By and large, the locals took off their cowboy hats and bowed their heads respectfully as the train passed by.

Ken Wortley, 94, died Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Kern Valley Hospital. He was born May 23, 1898 in Paola, Kansas. A lot happened in between. Most of it happened in the Kern Valley.

A World War I veteran, pack train operator, contractor, writer, publisher, explorer, Forest Service worker and, always, adventurer, Wortley guided Zane Grey to the famed Rainbow Bridge along the Utah-Arizona border, charted a course down the virgin waters of the Rio Balsas, was one of the first white men to set foot on Tiburon Island off Mexico's coast, and visited the distinctive wildlife of the Galapagos Islands. He also hobnobbed in the backwoods with Hollywood royalty like Cecil B. DeMille and Jessie Laskey. He built a cabin for the first true child star, Jackie Coogan, in the South Fork's Domelands Wilderness.

When Ken and his brother Chester came to the Kern Valley country after their discharge from the Marine Corps in 1919, the backwoods was teeming with game, its streams and river were bursting with trout. Few people knew its ways, except for a handful of ranchers and cowboys. It was a big land, and demanded big people to reap its rewards.

In his books, "Historic Land of the Rio Bravo," "Adventures with the Misfits," and "The Story of Kernville, the Frontier Town that Refused to Die," and in the Sierra Rainbow, a monthly magazine he published from 1954 to 1964, Wortley chronicled the adventures of those big people who found a home where others found only grudging wilderness.

His tales chronicled the lives of characters such as Casey Loyd Davidson Jones, a prospector, packer, musician, moonshiner and Wortley's earliest mentor in the Kern Valley. Casey Jones despised people who lived in houses, and turned their backs on the open skies.

Bob Powers said Ken would thrill the kids with his campfire stories. He said he convinced him to put them down in writing. "That's when 'Adventures of the Misfits' began. He just talked like it just happened yesterday."

But Wortley hit pay dirt through his brother, who was Cecil B. DeMille's first cameraman on his epic "Ten Commandments." The Wortley brothers set up a pack station, first in Sand Canyon near Inyokern, then near the Bloomfield Ranch, to pack Hollywood notables into the rugged South Fork wilderness, for fishing, hunting and exploring.

Chester, who had lung problems contracted before the war and died in 1932, told Ken about this strange young man who was desperate to meet the fabled DeMille, and idolized him, even to the point of imitating his dress and manner.

Bob Powers, a lifelong friend of the Wortleys and fellow author, said Chester arranged for the young man to meet the great man. He introduced him as a "young cartoonist," Powers said. DeMille reportedly replied, "You are a cartoon." But, as Powers said, "The more he (Cecil B. DeMille) talked to Walt Disney, the more he realized his genius."

The brothers moved their operation to Fairview in 1928 to the site of the Curtis School of Beverly Hills, where they packed the sons of Hollywood stars into the High Sierra; including Jimmy Rogers, son of Will Rogers, Noah Beery Jr., and Adolph Coors.

Ken Wortley found time to act in several Western movies filmed in Old Kernville. It was here that he met his future wife, and mother of his son, Ken Jr.

Ken Jr., former Mt. Mesa resident now living in Dana Point,

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said, "He was introduced to this up-and-coming starlet. It was a true, cowboy-meets-starlet romance," he said. "I'm the issue of that marriage."

But the star-crossed romance was doomed to fail. "She didn't like the solitude of the valley. He couldn't handle life in the big city."

Ken Wortley endured many disappointments, said his son. His father ran off when he and his four siblings were young, leaving his older brother Raymond to fend for the family. Raymond, a major with the U.S. Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War I, was killed three days after the Armistice was signed in 1918. He was 23. His brother Chester also died young. His wife left him.

He kept returning to the Kern Valley, after stints in the concrete business and as a scout for mining corporations. He started working for the U.S. Forest Service, beginning at age 60, claiming they gave him the job because he was critical of their policies. He also made the occasional foray into prospecting. He staked a promising gold claim in the Coso range, but the U.S. Navy took the land for its weapons center. He and Bob Powers shared a tungsten mine near Kelso Valley up until his death.

"He probably figured the country wouldn't let him down," said Ken Jr. "The country didn't let him down."

Ken Jr. remembers when his father was nearly killed in a helicopter accident after extinguishing a small fire near his Beach Meadow station in July 1962. He was pulled from the wreckage just as it exploded. His back and leg were broken, and he was in need of immediate medical aid. Another helicopter airlifted him into Kernville, but night closed in on the unlit airstrip. No problem. The pilot radioed ahead, and 30 or 40 of Ken's closest friends lined their cars on the landing pad with headlights blazing.

Readers of Ken Wortley's books recall that his good-natured practical jokes often landed him in jail. He was once jailed for no other reason than Clarence Pascoe, constable, needed a new floor in his jailhouse.

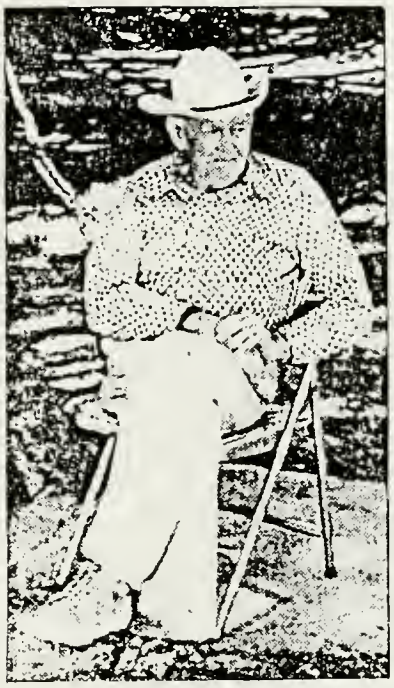
Ken Jr. remembers that DeMille once asked the Wortley brothers to capture a wild bear for a film he was shooting. They did so, and were transporting it to Los Angeles. Crowds formed wherever they stopped. So Ken led the bear out of the cage, charging spectators 10 cents each for a look. While at the corner of Hollywood and Vine, the bear escaped. "Dad got thrown in the pokey for his efforts."

About 10 days before his death, Ken was moved from his home in Wofford Heights to the skilled nursing center at the Kern Valley Hospital. It was not an easy choice to make for friends and family. He declined rapidly.

Ken Jr. said his father's latest book, "On the Rainbow Trail with Zane Grey (Adventures of a Packer and Guide), is being prepared for publication with the University of Arizona press.

In addition, all unsold copies of his existing books will be donated to the Kern Valley Historical Society's Museum.

Ann Prodan, a long-time friend, has arranged a memorial service



Ken Wortley Sr.

for Ken Wortley Sr. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Lake Isabella on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Wortley was a charter member and past president of the VFW. Besides the pack train memorial and memorial service, the Whiskey Flat Rodeo was dedicated to his memory, she said.

She said that Ken was a frequent visitor to her house, where "he enjoyed sitting on the back porch, spinning yarns with all his old buddies."

She made it clear that Ken was a dedicated patriot. "He loved his country, like he loved this (Kern Valley) country."

Ken is survived by his son Ken Jr., 61; two grandsons, Cristopher, 30, of Huntington Beach, and Jeffrey, 23, of Temecula; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla, also of Temecula.

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OBITUARY -

Darrell Eugene Curtis "Don"

Darrell Eugene Curtis "Don" passed away on Jan. 22, 1993 at Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born August 19, 1923. Don and his wife Carol were residents of Lake Isabella.

A small family service with relatives and close friends was held in Watsonville, California.

Mr. Curtis is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol Curtis. He is also survived by his son Merrill Allen Curtis of San Jose; daughter Sondra Pouder of Midway, Arkansas; daughter Lana Decker of Thousand Oaks, California; daughter Yvonne Curtis of Watsonville, California; daughter Shela Davis of Salt Lake City, Utah; and daughter Lesa O'Connor of Little Rock, California.

There are also 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

He will be fondly remembered by all of his friends in this area.

Wednesday
Feb. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Salvadore Esponoza Rendon

Salvadore Esponoza Rendon, age 64, passed away on February 15, 1993 at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield, California. He was born in Los Angeles, California on January 15, 1929. Mr. Rendon lived in Bodfish for four years. He retired from General Motors Auto Assembly. He was a member of the VFW and a veteran of the Korean War, 1950-1952.

Mr. Rendon is survived by his wife of 42 years Ann L. Rendon; son Roy of Bodfish; son Alan of Canyon Country, California; daughter Adalita of Lancaster; daughter Lydia of New Mexico; 11 grandchildren; sisters Nellie, Lupe, Josie and brother Richard.

Services were held February 18 through February 19, 1993 in San Fernando, California. VFW Chaplin Richard Lelong officiated. Burial took place at Oak Wood Cemetery in Chatsworth, California.

Wednesday
Feb. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Jack Teague Hayes

Jack Teague Hayes, age 64, passed away on February 10 in Bakersfield, California. He was born in Alvarado, Texas on October 17, 1928. Mr. Hayes was owner of the Dam Korner 1 for 10 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge #498.

Mr. Hayes is survived by his mate Sandy Sica of Lake Isabella; daughter Terri Morris of Norwalk, California; daughter Jerri Wise of Norwalk, California; daughter Lisa Hartley of Ridgecrest, California; brother Bill Hayes of Texas; sister Betty Marbach of Texas; sister Analou Couk of Texas; and 8 grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Monday, February 15, 1993, by the Moose #498, at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Interment at Cahill Cemetery in Alvarado, Texas.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 3, 1993

OBITUARY -

Patricia Ann Montgomery

A funeral service was held Wednesday, February 10, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Kernville United Methodist Church in Kernville for Patricia Ann Montgomery of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Church. Interment followed with a graveside committal at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Montgomery was born July 5, 1944 in Columbus, Ohio, and died as a result of a tragic auto accident in Lake Isabella on February 6, 1993. She was 48 years old. Mrs. Montgomery was employed in the banking business here in the Kern River Valley for the past 13 years formerly with Santa Barbara Savings and was currently serving as Manager of the Kernville branch of the Bank of America. She was active in many business organizations such as Kernville Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors Councill, the Kernville Woman's Club, and the Real Estate Board.

She is survived by her husband of five years Dave Montgomery of Wofford Heights; her parents Edwin and Anna Carmell of Wofford Heights; sons Michael Bauges of Weldon; Brad Bauges of Wofford Heights; daughter Lisa Robinson of Washington; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Celia Sylvia Lusky

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 27, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Celia Sylvia Lusky of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Marvin Moon. Celia was born June 24, 1916 in Dultuh, Minnesota and died February 20, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. She was 76 years old.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years Clayton Lusky of Lake Isabella; son DeWayne of Georgia; daughter Marlene of South Lake; brother Harry Schraber of Minnesota; Joseph Schraber of Minnesota; sisters Ruth Davidson of Minnesota; Betty Pinks of Florida; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Celia was a past president of the South Fork Women's Club, a member of Wednesday Bridge Club and T.O.P.S. Lake Isabella. Celia was a 20 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Mary Sybil Shifflett

Mary Sybil Shifflett was born in Baltimore, Maryland May 22, 1903 and died February 22, 1993 at 89 years of age.

She was preceded in death by her husband Albert Shifflett; three sons and six daughters. She is survived by five daughters, Nina Correlli of Baltimore; Vivian Minter of Wilminton, Delaware; Elsie Carter of Anderson, California; Eleanore Chedderton and Marge Robertson of Lake Isabella, California. Also 47 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

She resided in Lake Isabella for two years.

Cremation was taken care of by Mish Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Loren Wesley Springer

Loren Wesley Springer, 83, of Bodfish, died February 19, 1993 of natural causes at Beverly Manor Convalescent Hospital in Ridgecrest, California. He was born November 19, 1909 in Yale, Oklahoma.

Mr. Springer retired in 1974 as a mechanical engineer from Snugl Wheel Weight Co. He was a member of Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights. He was also an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife Beatrice Springer of Bodfish; daughter Janice Faye Jerome of Bodfish; granddaughter Kathleen Gerdeman of Bakersfield; grandson Otto Yerke of Kernville; granddaughter Lanette Britz of Bakersfield; sister-in-law Myrtle Conklin of Bodfish; one brother in California and three sisters in Oklahoma.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 2, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Private cremation arrangements are being handled by Holland & Lyons Mortuary of Ridgecrest, California.

Wednesday
Mar. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Marie Martha Tysland

A memorial service was held Friday, February 26, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights for Marie Martha Tysland of Kernville. Officiating were the Ladies of the Elks.

Mrs. Tysland was born April 1, 1908 in Nebraska and died February 22, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 84 years old. She is survived by her husband of 27 years Lloyd Tysland of Kernville; sister-in-law Valborg Akland of Sun City, Arizona; sister-in-law Lois Stewart of Sun City, Arizona; brother-in-law Earl Tysland of Naples, Florida. Marie was a Lady of the Elks and a member of the Moose. Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetary in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Yvone Louise Prival

Yvonne Louise Prival passed away on February 23, 1993 in Sacramento, California. Her maiden name was Yvonne Louise Wyer. She was born in Porterville, California on March 28, 1938 to Irene Louise Stathos and Cecil Floyd Wyer, both born in California and both deceased.

Mrs. Prival was a Licensed Vocational Nurse in Bakersfield as well as at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa, California. She was one of the few who petitioned the California State Board to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse when she was a Nurse's Aide. Mrs. Prival used her artistic talent to make drawings of the human anatomy to aid in her studies to become a better nurse. When she took the state test to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse, she scored the highest grade of that time.

She is survived by her son Corey Peck of Sacramento; stepson Michael Prival of Oregon; stepson David Prival of Bakersfield; mother-in-law Mary Prival of Bodfish; brother and sister-in-law Richard and Shirley Wyer of Bakersfield; nephew Shane Wyer; niece Wendy Wyer of Bakersfield; brother-in-law Tim Prival of Oregon and Leland Prival of Sherman Oaks, California.

Mrs. Prival was a very caring and giving person, well loved by family, friends, and patients alike. Her memorial service was held in Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights, California. The Reverend Ron Gravell officiated. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Wednesday
Mar. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Joyce Clair Cowsert

A graveside service was held Thursday, March 4, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Joyce Claire Cowsert of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of United Methodist Church of Kernville.

Mrs. Cowsert was born April 9, 1914 in Glendale, California, and died February 28, 1993 in Petaluma, California. She was 78 years old.

Mrs. Cowsert was a 20 year resident of the Kern River Valley, a member of the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs, and T.O.P.S. and she was instrumental in getting the Houchin Blood Mobile to come to the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her son Allan Cowsert of Santa Rosa, California; son Larry Cowsert of Escondido, California; son Don Cowsert of Lacy, Washington; daughter Clarice Cowan of Gunnison, Colorado; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Lawrence Fawcett

Lawrence (Larry) Fawcett, 86, passed away after a long illness on March 1, 1993.

Mr. Fawcett was born in McCune, Kansas and lived in the Kern Valley for 22 years.

He is survived by his wife Mabel of 57 years; daughter Jane Schmidt of Santa Rosa, California; daughter Sharon Sandoz of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; daughter Janice Fawcett of La Mirada, California; granddaughter Joy Marshall; great-grandson Christopher Marshall of Lake Elsinore, California; brother W.H. Fawcett of Arma, Kansas; sister Lavon Korner of Coffeyville, Kansas; sister Theresa Holler of Pittsburg, Kansas.

No services will be held at the request of the deceased. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart Association or the charity of your choice are requested.

Wednesday
Mar. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Melvin Oswald Lea

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 6, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Melvin Oswald Lea of South Lake. Officiating was Pastor Duane Splawn of the Kern River Valley Christian Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mel was born October 18, 1922 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and died March 2, 1993 in South Lake. He was 70 years old. Mel was retired from Safeway Stores after 33 years of service retiring as manager. He was a member of the Eagles and a 24 year resident of Kern County.

Mel is survived by Maggie Struska of Mt. Mesa; daughter Nancy Dallins of Diamond Springs, California; daughter Carolyn Mouser of Sacramento, California; daughter Jan Minghelli of Palmdale, California; daughter Marlyn Burman of San Jose, California; daughter Bonnie Lea of Avery, California; sister Margaret Greer of Oceanside, California; sisters Mildred Addington and Betty Love of Arizona; and 13 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Ezma Lois Terry

Ezma Lois Terry, age 78, passed away on March 2, 1993 at Memorial Hospital. She was born in Ranolette, Oklahoma on July 28, 1914.

Mrs. Terry was a resident of Bodfish for 18 years. She was a member of Grandmothers #99 and 55+ Clubs.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband J.B. Terry. Ezma is survived by her son Kent Terry of Paso Robles, California; son Keith Terry of Simi Valley, California; son Kirk Terry of Long Beach, California; sister Lylian Stephenson; sister Floy Coackley; many nieces and nephews; and six grandchildren.

A service was held at Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hill on March 8, 1993.

Wednesday
Mar. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Dorothy Jane Clement

Dorothy Jane Clement, age 82, died on March 3, 1993 at tne Motion Picture Home. She was a 21 year resident of Kernville.

She is survived by daughter Joan Lund of Mesa, Arizona; brother Eugene Clement of Riverkern; sister Beth Trudeau of Santa Barbara, California; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Westwood Village Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Marian Taylor Ranhosky

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 17, 1993 at10:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for Marian Taylor Ranhosky of Bodfish. Officiating will be Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Marian was born November 27, 1915 in Calgary, Canada and died March 12, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 77 years old. Marian was a 15 year resident of the Kern River Valley, an active member of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella serving as its treasurer, and a Lady of the Moose.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Andrew Ranhosky of Bodfish; son John Seeley of Anaheim, California; brother Clifford Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona; sister Peggy Ramesey of Riverside, California; grandson Rod Seeley of Sacramento, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert Sheldon Haymond

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 27, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Mt. Mesa for Robert Sheldon Haymond of Bodfish. Officiating will be Pastor Jon Rowe.

Robert was born June 15, 1909 in Riverside, California and died March 10, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. He was 83 years old. Robert was a 22 year resident of the Kern River Valley, a Mason, Shriner with membership in the Almaleka Temple in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Haymond of Bodfish; brother Gaylord Haymond of Newberry Park, California and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Frances Kathleen Salmon Warnock

Frances Kathleen Salmon Warnock, wife of Harold M. Warnock passed away March 4, 1993.

Frances was born in Piapot, Saskatchewan, Canada on December 2, 1913. She moved to California with her family in 1951 and has lived at her home in Squirrel Valley with her husband for 17 years. Frances has been active in the Clan Diggers Genealogical Society, Kern Valley Art Association and enjoyed performing with the valley's musical group, playing both the piano and organ.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; brother Edward (Ted) Salmon of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; daughter Frances Sparkes Colley of Tempe, Arizona; daughter Phyllis Sparkes Burr and her husband Charles of Vestal, New York; daughter Shirley Sparkes Day of Escondido, California; grandson Geoffrey Burr, a graduate student at the California Institute of Technology; grandson Kevin Burr, a student at Buffalo State University of New York; granddaughter Caroline Colley Broomfield and her husband Eric of Tempe, Arizona; granddaughter Cheryl Colley Lidberg and her husband Paul of Fremont, California.

Frances' family wish to express their appreciation for the many kindnesses, thoughtful visits and good wishes bestowed on her throught this past year by her friends and neighbors. They also thank the medical staff and her physicians at the Kern Valley Hospital for their loving concern and excellent care.

No services will be held. We wish to celebrate Frances as a loving wife and mother, talented and generous lady, good friend and as her grandkids have said, "The best Grandma ever."

Betty C. Post

Betty C. Post, 66, editor of the Kern Valley Sun from December 1961 to October 1966, died February 24, 1993 at Humana Hospital in Orange Park, Florida.

Betty is survived by her husband of 45 years, Carroll O. Post; one daughter, Carol A. Brazell; one brother, Jamie Maddox, of Panama City, Florida; one sister, Dorita Folsom, of Marianna, Florida; grandchildren, Jeffrey Fiddler and Kim Brazell of Jacksonville, Florida, and Tanya Bryant of Simi Valley, California. The "graduation celebration" was held Friday, February 26, at 1 p.m. at the Wesconnett Assembly of god, with Pastor Paul Williamson, officiating. Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

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OBITUARY

George Eugene Barnes

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 23, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for George Eugene Barnes of Southlake. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Barnes was born May 17, 1914 in Malta, Montana and died March 18, 1993 in Bakersfield. He was 78 years old. Mr. Barnes served in U.S. Navy from 1937 to 1958.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years Ora Barnes of Southlake; son Robert Barnes of Ridgecrest; son John Barnes of Hart Flat; son Bill Barnes of Hart Flat; son David Barnes of Orange, California; daughter Martha Cherry of Cool, California; brother Arthur Dale Barnes of Clovis, California; sister Alice Johnson of Citrus Heights, California; sister Laura Smith of Clovis, California; cousin Kenneth Barnes of Wisconsin; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Cecil Denver Briggs

A funeral service was held Friday, March 19, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Cecil Denver Briggs of Bodfish. Officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Cecil was born January 30, 1918 in Kansas City, Missouri and died March 14, 1993 in Bodfish, California. He was 75 years old. He was a resident the Kern River Valley for 15 years.

Richard is survived by his wife of Venetia Briggs of Bodfish; son, Cecil Briggs, Jr. and family of San Antonio, Texas; daughter Tanta Briggs of Bodfish; daughter Remle Briggs of Austin, Texas; grandson Bruce Briggs of Austin, Texas; granddaughter Joy Shamlin of Lake Isabella; great-grandchildren Cody Cunningham, Aaron Johnstone, Britney Shamblin; brother Fred Briggs and family of Bakersfield; brother Richard Briggs and family of Queen Valley, Arizona; sister Marcia Kaufman and family of Florida.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Gene Elwood Estes

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 23, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Gene Elwood Estes of Mt. Mesa. Officiating were the officers of the Kern River Valley V.F.W. Post 7665. Interment followed at the U.S. National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Mr. Estes was born January 4, 1926 in Bytheville, Arkansas and died at his residence in Mt. Mesa. He was 67 years old. Mr. Estes served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force from 1944 to 1967. He was a member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion, and a 20 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his brother Sam Estes of Torrance, California; sister Sue Turnage of Torrance; and his adopted family Marjorie Kay Burkhart and family of Kernville.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Richard Dwight McEwen

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 17, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Richard Dwight McEwen of Onyx. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Richard was born March 10, 1928 in Los Angeles, California and died March 14, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 65 years old. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years.

Richard is survived by his wife of 47 years, Hazel McEwen of Onyx; daughter Sue Vess of Onyx; daughter Jinie Les Wood of San Diego, California; also six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Vera Geraldine Powell

A funeral service was held Friday, March 19, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. for Vera Geraldine Powell of Bodfish. Officiating was Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church of Lake Isabella.

Vera was born July 17, 1910 in Exira, Iowa and died March 14, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 82 years old. She is survived by her husband of 64 years Ray Powell of Bodfish; son Marlyn Powell of Orange, California; son Leon Powell of Hermeston, Oregon; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Harriet Lillian White

A private service was held for Harriet Lillian White of Wofford Heights.

Harriet was born May 23, 1904 in Sweden and died March 15, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 88 years old. Harriet had worked for the Starkist Company for 25 years. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years.

Harriet is survived by her husband of 24 years, Arthur White of Wofford Heights; daughter Florence Frazee of Bodfish; also three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 31, 1993

OBITUARY

Leo Grob

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 27, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Leo Grob. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the United Methodist Church of Kernville. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

Leo was born December 22, 1910 in New York and died March 23, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was 82 years old. He was a member of the Elks of Wofford Heights and the Moose of Lake Isabella. Leo was a resident of the Kern River Valley for eight years.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Elise Grob of Wofford Heights; son Jim Dutton and his wife Donna of Fallbrook, California; brother Andie Grob of New York; sister Elizabeth McTaggert of New York; sister Lillian Grob of San Francisco, California; grandchildren Janelle and John Dutton of Fallbrook, California; and niece Philys Mahoney of Balboa, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 31, 1993

OBITUARY

Angela Williams

A memorial service will be held for Angela Williams on March 31, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. Officiating will be the Ladies of the Elks.

Mrs. Williams was born January 3, 1914 in New York, New York and died March 25, 1993 at home. She was a resident of Wofford Heights since 1972. Angela was a Past President of the Ladies of the Elks and a Past President of the Grandmothers' Club #94. She worked as a secretary for C.E.A.

She is survived by her husband of 14 years Robert Williams; son Ralph Johonat of Citrus Heights; daughter Kathy Swemmer of California City; brother Frank Genardi of West Los Angeles; sister Duchess of Long Beach; sister Kathy of Hacienda Heights; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Centurian Memorial Society, Inc.

Wednesday
Mar. 31, 1993

OBITUARY

Gordon Douglas Brannon

A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 30, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Gordon Douglas Brannon of Bakersfield, California. Officiating was Mr. Harold Brewer of the Church of Christ of Napa, California.

Gordon was born October 12, 1923 in Artesia, New Mexico and died March 24, 1993 in Bakersfield. He was 69 years old. Gordon was a 10 year resident of the Kern River Valley and most recently a four year resident of Bakersfield.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Betty Brannon of Bakersfield; son Alan Douglas Brannon of Bakersfield; daughter Eillen Halver of Bakersfield; daughter Connie Wiggins of Bakersfield; mother Floy Brannon of Arizona; brother Lloyd Paul Brannon of Arizona.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Clifford Glenn Gunter

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Allen-Sallus Funeral Service in Bell Gardens. Officiating was Rev. Jack Showers. Interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California.

Mr. Gunter was born August 1, 1917 in Hinton, Oklahoma and died March 12, 1993 at his home in Squirrel Valley, California. He served in the Army from May 5, 1942 through October 16, 1943, when he had a medical discharge.

After he was discharged, he worked in various places for a short while. Then he moved to California where he started his own business, a garage and gas station in Bell Gardens, where later his mother and father joined him where he cared for them until their death. In 1984 he retired and moved to Squirrel Valley, California. He belonged to the Bell Gardens Rod & Gun Club. He joined the Eagles in Mt. Mesa in 1984.

He is survived by his wife Mary of 25 years; William Klatt and step-daughter Rita Tucker of Squirrel Valley; sister Ruby Mewlin of Ponca City, Oklahoma; sister Ruby Pritz of Bilgrook, Montana; brother Ray Gunter of Venita, Oklahoma; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Wednesday
Mar. 31, 1993

OBITUARY

Joan Lambert

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 24, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Joan Lambert of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Mr. Oren Ice. Interment followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen.

Mrs. Lambert was born September 16, 1923 in North Bay, Ontario, Canada and died March 19, 1993 in Bakersfield. She was 69 years old. Mrs. Lambert was a member of the Ladies Kern Valley Golf Club. Also she loved to knit and crochet.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years Morgan Lambert of Lake Isabella; son Robert Lambert of Lake Isabella; son James Lambert of Lake Isabella; son Richard Lambert of Bakersfield; daughter Linda Thomas of Lake Isabella; brother Bob Thompson of Idaho; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Mar. 31, 1993

OBITUARY

Ethel Alberta Campbell

A private service will be held with interment in Corsica Cemetery, Corsica, Pennsylvania for Ethel Alberta Campbell of Weldon.

Ethel was born December 23, 1903 in Corsica, Pennsylvania and died March 20, 1993 in Weldon, California. She was 89 years old. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for seven years. Ethel was a member of the Eastern Star of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her son Jack L. Burns of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Leo Grob

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 27, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Leo Grob of Wofford Heights, California. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church, and officers of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358. Interment followed at the Kem River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

Leo was born December 22, 1910 in New York and died March 23, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was 82 years old. He was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358, the Kern River Valley Moose Lodge #498, and a member of the Hughes Aircraft Boat Club. Leo retired from Hughes Aircraft Co. as foreman after 30 years of service. Leo was an eight year resident of the Kem River Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Elsie Grob of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Donna Dutton of Fallbrook, California; brother Andy Grob of New York; sister Elizabeth McTaggert of New York; sister Lillian Grob of San Francisco, California; niece Phi Mahoney of Balboa, California; and grandchildren Janelle and John Dutton of Fallbrook, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Apr. 7, 1993

OBITUARY

Arthur Ross Henry, Jr.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 2, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Arthur Ross Henry, Jr. of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Mr. Henry was born October 6, 1915 in Dorchester, Massachusetts and died March 29, 1993 in Bakersfield. He was 77 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Leona Henry of Kernville; son Steve Henry of Eagle Point, Oregon; son Ross Henry of Acton, California; sister Doris J. Howard of Oregon; sister Nina Moore of Hemet, California; sister Alice M. Pershing of Placerville, California; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the IBEW Local #11 and the PEARS Organization.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Inc. of Lake Isabella, California.

Howard Paul Burke

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 3, 1993, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern Valley Bible Church, 3920 Golden Spur in Lake Isabella for Mr. Howard Burke, age 55.

He passed away at his residence in Bodfish on Sunday morning. Howard was born in Callioon, New York on November 17, 1937. He moved at an early age to Damascus, Pennsylvania where he was educated. He was a veteran having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He came to Southern California in 1978 and following his retirement he moved to Bodfish in 1992. He worked for many years as a truck driver having retired from T.N.T. Bestway. He and Sherry Christian were married in Ontario, California on October 21, 1989.

He is survived by his wife Sherry D. Burke of Bodfish; 11 children, W.A. Young of Santa Barbara; Emery (L.R.) Burke of Bodfish; Howard Burke II of Columbus, Georgia; Gregory Burke of Pennsylvania; Brad Burke of Texas; Emma (H.G.) Young of Georgia; Lillian (F.M.) Burke of Bodfish; Cindy Harley of Kinkletown, Pennsylvania; Charlene Pettus of Pennsylvania; Tia Burke and Kathy Burke, both of Texas. He is also survived by two grandsons and his mother and father-in-law, Joe J. and Dora Lee Parkerson of Georgia and many friends.

Services are entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family, Taft Funeral Home.

Richard "Tom" Marshall

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 27, 1993, at the Lorenzen Mortuary in Reseda for Richard "Tom" Marshall. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Marshall was born February 15, 1947, in Pocatello, Idaho, and passed away March 24, 1993, from complications following surgery.

He is survived by two sons, Bradley and Jeffrey of Macon, Georgia; sister, Caroline Early of Garden Grove, California; niece, Amy Pavelek of Los Angeles, California; and nephews, Steve Pavelek of Garden Grove, California, and Dan Pavelek of Islin, New Jersey.

Mr. Marshall had a second home in Wofford Heights. He was a software consultant for many years and would retreat to the Kern River Valley as often as he could. It was his desire to be returned to the valley he loved and laid to rest near his mother, Mildred Marshall, who preceded him in death in 1988.

Wednesday
Apr. 14, 1993

OBITUARY

Andrew Ambrose Schmidt

A graveside service was held Wednesday, April 7, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Andrew Ambrose Schmidt of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Schmidt was born March 28, 1907 in Wabasha, Minnesota and died April 3, 1993 in Bakersfield. He was 86 years old.

He is survived by his wife Marie of Lake Isabella; son Charles Schmidt of Lancaster; daughter DeeDee Hodges of Redondo Beach, California; step-daughter Linda Whitson of San Luis Obispo; step-son Michael Packham of Tempelton, California; and step-son Bobby Williams of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brothers Roland Schmidt of Minnesota and Al Schmidt of South Carolina; sister Rita Collier; sister Clara Graner of Minnesota and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Inc.

George R. Wenzel

Private services were held for George Rene Wenzel of Wofford Heights. George was born September 17, 1901 in Boston, Massachusetts and died April 3, 1993 in Lake Isabella. He was 91 years old. George was an auto mechanic with the Department of Water and Power for 35 years. He was a 23 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years Edythe Wenzel of Wofford Heights; son Robert Wenzel of New Mexico; daughter Marion Lizzari of Granada Hills, California; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Inc.

Wednesday
Apr. 14, 1993

OBITUARY

James Clifford Lee

A funeral service was held Friday, April 9, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for James Clifford Lee of Lake Isabella. Speakers for the service were Rev. Lee Storey and many other participating elders. Mr. Lee was born December 11, 1907 in Goodnight, Oklahoma and died April 5, 1993 in Lake Isabella. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Lee was a member of the Church of the Nazarene for 52 years and the Valley Community Church for the last 7 years. His home was the meeting place.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Flo Lee of Lake Isabella; his son Pastor James Lee of Lake Isabella; sister Freda Cox of Oklahoma; sister Juanita Edmondson of Arizona; and 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the building fund for the Valley Community Church and school building.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Manuel Lucio Duran

A Mass for Christian burial was held Monday, April 12, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Manuel Lucio Duran of Bodfish. Officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen. Interment was Tuesday, April 13, 1992 at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois.

Manny was born December 13, 1920 in Meihine, Illinois, and died April 6, 1993 at his residence in Bodfish after a long battle with cancer. He was 72 years old. Manny served in the U.S. Marine Corps. during WWII in the Pacific Theater and the Korean War. He was a member of the Kern River Valley Moose Lodge #498, the Kern River Valley Eagles Aerie #3156, and a 20 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Dorothy Duran of Bodfish; son Joseph Duran of Bodfish; son Jim Duran of Onyx; daughter Carla Tofoya of Bodfish; daughter Ann Aguliar of Bakersfield; daughter Martha Asuna of Bakersfield; 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Apr. 14, 1993

OBITUARY

William Joseph Yaden

A funeral service was held April 8, 1993 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for William Joseph Yaden of Wofford Heights. He was buried at sea by the Neptune Society.

Mr. Yaden was born September 8, 1930 in Harlan, Kentucky and died April 4, 1993 at the age of 62. He lived in the valley for three years and was self-employed as a painter. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W., Moose, Elks and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years Donna Yaden; son William O. Yaden; daughter Beverly Yaden; daughter Brenda Yaden; daughter Christina Yaden; brother Robert Yaden; brother Emory Yaden; sister Geniva Adams; and 5 five grandchildren.

Mr. Yaden was a man who had no enemies in the world, a wonderful sense of humor and the patience of gold. He would help anyone at anytime. Most of all he was the best father and papaw any of us will ever know.

Wednesday
Apr. 21, 1993

OBITUARY

Edith Emily Drennan

A Mass for Christian burial was held Friday, April 16, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Edith Emily Drennan of Squirrel Valley. Officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen of St. Jude's. Interment followed at San Fernando Mission Cemetery in Mission Hills, California with Deacon Dick Acquaviva of St. Clare Catholic Church in Canyon Country, California.

Edith was born April 23, 1913 in Woodhaven, New York, and died April 13, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 79 years old. Edith was a Registered Nurse for 27 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 12 years ago.

She is survived by her daughter Iris Saxon of Placerville, CA; daughter Patricia Frender of Squirrel Valley; grandchildren David Bedel of Santa Clara, CA; Mike Frender of CT; Dawn and Randy Frender of Squirrel Valley; and great-grandson Ricky Bedel of Santa Clara, CA.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Apr. 28, 1993

OBITUARY

Harold Edgar Coffin

A funeral service was held Monday, April 26, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Harold Edgar Coffin of Lake Isabella. Officiating were the Officers of the Eagles. Interment followed after a motor procession to the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Coffin was born October 30, 1921 in Iowa and died April 21, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. He was 71 years old. Harold retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 33 years of service retiring as Vehicles Maintenance Supervisor. Harold was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of the Kern River Valley Eagles Aerie #3156, the Kern River Valley V.F.W. Post 7665, the Kern River Valley American Post 711 and an 11 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years Evelyn Coffin of Lake Isabella; son James Edward Coffin of North Dakota; daughter Sandra Elderbaum of Mt. Mesa.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Apr. 28, 1993

OBITUARY

Anita Minnie Steinberger

Private services were held for Anita Minnie Steinberger of Mt. Mesa. Anita was born June 6, 1913 in Illinois and died April 23, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 79 years old.

She is survived by her son Jerry Steinberger of Mt. Mesa; son Paul Steinberger of Seattle, Washington; sister Viola of Wofford Heights; sister Emma Perry of Cypress, California; sister Veta Dittmar of Illinois; one grandson and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
May 5, 1993

OBITUARY

Wednesday
May 5, 1993

OBITUARY

Ann Arvilla Sabath

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 26, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Ann Arvilla Sabath of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley of Kern Valley Bible Church in Bodfish. Interment at the Kern River Valley Cemeter in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Sabath was born January 1, 1909 in Shasta County, California and died April 26, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 84 years old.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years John Sabath of Wofford Heights; son Vearl Chapin of Woodland Hills; son Richard Sabath of Red Bluff; son Michael Sabath of Carmel, Indiana; brother Emmett Gabbett of Roseville, California; brother Elmer Barkhurst of Oroville; and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Esther Anna Hagen

Private services were held for Esther Anna Hagen of Bodfish. She was born March 13, 1913 in Mankato, Minnesota and died April 26, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 80 years old. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 19 years.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Rose M. Gillham

Private Inurnment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield for Mrs. Rose M. Gillham of Wofford Heights. At her request no services will be held.

Rose was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on March 12, 1908 and spent her early years there. She moved to Detroit in 1936 and to California in 1943. She owned and operated A-1 Cleaners in Bellflower for many years. She and her husband Glen T. Gillham were married in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 28, 1958. Following her retirement, she moved to Wofford Heights in 1977.

Rose was preceded in death by three sisters. She is survived by her husband Glen at the family home in Wofford Heights; one step-daughter Diana McNeil of Show Low, Arizona; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends. The arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family, Taft Funeral Home.

Frances Louise McLaughlan

Frances Louise McLaughlan born October 1905 in Garner, Iowa died April 21, 1993 in St. George, Utah.

Mrs. McLaughlan is survived by two daughters Cecelia Johnston of Logandale, Nevada and Marie Petersen of Grangeville, Idaho; four grandsons; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; a brother and a nephew. Her husband preced her in death in 1958.

Frances lived in the Kern River Valley from 1937 to 1958 when she moved to Bakersfield. In 1969, she moved to Overton, Nevada wher she lived until 1989 when in failing health entered Porter's Nursing Home in St. George, Utah.

Graveside services were May 1, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in the Logandale Cemetery in Logandale, Nevada.

Wednesday
May 12, 1993

OBITUARY

Florella Octavia Kleidon

A Prayer Vigil was held Friday, May 7, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Florella Octavia Kleidon of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Monsignor A.G. Herdegen of St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Mrs. Kleidon will be buried Monday, May 10 in Centerville, MN after a Rosary and Mass in White Bear Lake, MN.

Mrs. Kleidon was born May 18, 1918 in Deluth, MN and died May 4, 1993 in Los Angeles, CA. She was 74 years old. She attended St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, and was a 17 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her son Allen and daughter-in-law Pam Kleidon of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Tom Kwaitkowski; granddaughters Tari Sickler, Lori Beam, Christine Kwaitkowski; grandsons Curtis Kleidon, Lee, Ross Brian, Donald Kwaitkowski.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
May 12, 1993

OBITUARY

Philip Ronald Henderson

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 8, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge #827 in Kernville for Philip Ronald Henderson of Wofford Heights. Officiating were the Officers of the Lodge. Interment followed after a motor procession to the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Henderson was born October 5, 1912 in Medford, Massachusetts and died May 6, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Geri Henderson of Wofford Heights; son Jim Henderson of Saritoga, CA; and daughter Lynette Richards of Lomita, CA; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
May 12, 1993

OBITUARY

Gladys Doloris Bruckler

Private services are pending for Gladys Doloris Bruckler of Wofford Heights. Mrs. Bruckler was born May 30, 1930 in Missouri and died April 30, 1993 at residence in Wofford Heights. She was 62 years old.

She is survived by her son Rusty Pedigo of Wofford Heights, son Michael Rexford of Norwalk, CA; daughter Pam Iniquez of Corona, CA; Rita Martin of Colorado; sister Esther Rodgerson of Missouri; 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Arrangments by Valley Mortuary.

Charles Earl Leskela

Private services were held for Charles Earl Leskela of Bodfish. Interment was at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Sunnyside, in Long Beach, California. Charles was born June 19, 1918 in Kersarge, Michigan and died May 12, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Leskela worked for Bekins for 30 years before retiring. He was a resident of Bodfish for 2 years.

He is survived by his daughter Gloria George of Bodfish; son Michael Hoyt of Long Beach; son Stephen Hoyt of Hollywood; son David Hoyt of Spain; sisters Marie Kauppila, Helen Niemi, Irene Koopikka, Esther Ranberg, all of Michigan; 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Newton Walter Derr

On Tuesday, April 27, services were held for Newton Walter Derr, who passed away April 22, 1993 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

A long time resident of the Kern River Valley, Mr. Derr and his wife, Barbara, moved to Bakersfield in 1988.

Mr. Derr was born August 12, 1922 in Kansas City, Missouri and resided in Kern County for 16 years. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII. He was a carpenter for 30 years. Newton was a member of the Kernville Masonic Temple. He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters and six brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Derr of Bakersfield; sons, Ronald Derr of Anaheim, Daniel Derr of Minnesota, David Derr of Kernville, and Joel Derr of Bakersfield; daughters, Linda Derr of Anaheim, and Jamie Derr of Bakersfield; eleven grandchildren; sister Ada Mae Grandy of Los Angeles and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bernice Cecelia Erickson

Private services were held for Bernice Cecelia Erickson of Lake Isabella. Bernice was born September 6, 1914 in New Winsor, Illinois, and died May 16, 1993 in Lake Isabella. She was 78 years old.

She is survived by her daughter Careylyn Elfstrom of Bodfish; daughter Linda Erickson of Chatsworth; son George Erickson of Denver, Colorado; son Ronald Erickson of Rockford, Illinois; sisters Jean Warneke and Kay Luggues of Illinois; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Georgia Mae Phillips

Private services were held for Georgia Mae Phillips of Lake Isabella. Georgia was born June 30, 1912 in Antlers, Oklahoma and died May 19, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 80 years old.

She was a resident of Lake Isabella for the past seven years and a former resident of Torrance, California.

Phillips is survived by her sister Elsie Thomas of Lake Isabella; brother Louie Parker of South Lake; brother Kenneth Word of Lake Isabella; brother Cecil Word of Lakewood and brother Robert Word of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wesley Doyle Parrish

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 20, 1993, at 12:00 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Wesley Doyle Parrish of Lake Isabella. A visitation preceded his service on Wednesday. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. And officiating at graveside were the officers of the Kern River Valley American Legion. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Doyle was born January 24, 1923 in Olustee, Oklahoma and died May 16, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. He was 70 years old. Doyle served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII from 1942 to 1945. After WWII, Doyle attended U.S.C. graduating with a teacher's degree. He retired from the Los Angeles School District after 33 years of service. Doyle was a member of the K.R.V. American Legion, the Retired Principal Association, the Kern River Valley Eagle Scouts Honor Board and a board member of the K.R.V. F.F.A.

He is survived by his wife of 10 years Donna Parrish of Lake Isabella; son Thomas Parrish of San Francisco; son Wesley Parrish of Colorado; son Gregory Parrish of Garden Grove, California; son Ryan Parrish of Kentucky; daughter Rhonda Dell of California; brother Wayne Parrish of Santa Monica, California; sister Phyllis Shield of Mar Vista, California; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
May 26, 1993

OBITUARY

James Ralph Anderson

A funeral service was held Friday, May 14, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for James Ralph Anderson of Weldon. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Anderson was born September 10, 1915 in Little Rock, Arkansas and died May 11, 1993 in Weldon, California. He was 77 years old.

Mr. Anderson served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945. He worked for Lockheed for 25 years before and moving to Weldon.

He is survived by his daughter Darlene Winham of Weldon, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hurley T. Middleton

Hurley T. Middleton was born January 19, 1914 and passed away May 17, 1993 in Baldwin Park at the age of 79. Hurley is to be cremated and no services are to be held.

Middleton is survived by daughter Shirley Allard and granddaughter Valerie.

Hurley had previously lived in the Kern River Valley for 25 years.

Wednesday
May 26, 1993

OBITUARY

Lavell Hope Orient

Memorial services were held Friday at noon in the Kern Valley Bible Church in Lake Isabella for Wofford Heights resident Lavell Hope Orient. Officiating was Reverend Jack Dilley. Mrs. Orient passed away in a local convalescent hospital on Sunday afternoon. She was born August 18, 1924 in St. Louis, Missouri and spent her early years there. She spent most of her adult life in the Los Angeles area and moved to Wofford Heights in 1990.

She is survived by her husband Joseph D. Orient of Wofford Heights; son Steve Rozick of Torrance; son James M. Rozick of Hawthorne; daughter Susan Stevens of Washington state; daughter Sandra Roberts of Florida; several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

No visitation was held. Private inurnment was at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield followed by interment at sea.

The Bonnewell family and Taft Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Mary Josephine Wadsworth Wharton

Mary Josephine Wadsworth Wharton, 89, of Foley, Alabama, died February 4, 1993 at Lexington, Ohio. Mary Jo was the fifth child of seven born of Talliaferro Johnson and Louella Arant. She was born in Eclectic, Alabama.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Foley, Alabama.

Survivors include one sister, Lillian Mangold, Palmdale and Ontario, California. Nieces: Lorraine Smith, Phoenix, Arizona; Elaine Young, Palmdale, California; Mary Hope Eytcheson, El Monte, California; Inez Boyett and Mary Ruth Thompson, Prattville, Alabama. Nephews: Merton Mangold, Jr., Ontario, California; Frank Walter Brassell, Downey, California.

Preceding Mrs. Wharton in death is her husband William G. Wharton, Game Warden for the State of Alabama. Sisters: Viola Ethel, Maud, Leila Ruth, Clara Gertrude, and one brother, Benjamin Wadsworth.

Three great grand nieces: Cheryl Borthick, Francine Stirling, Janice Newman (deceased), and one great grand nephew Frank Walter Brassell, all of the Kern River Valley; Neale Brassell, Califomia; great grandniece Dixie Stansell, Coronado, California; and fifteen other great, great grandnieces and nephews of Alabama and California; and friend James Rice of Lexington, Ohio.

Visitation was held one hour before services held at the Mack Funeral Home in Robertsdale, Alabama. The Lexington Avenue Funeral Home in Lexington, Ohio, was in charge of local arrangements. Burial was at Pine Rest Cemetery of Foley, Alabama.

Wednesday
June 2, 1993

OBITUARY

James Henry Shackelford, Jr.

Services are pending for James Henry Shackelford, Jr. of Lake Isabella. Mr. Shackelford was born January 28, 1925 in California and died May 27, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, CA. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Shackelford served in the U.S. military from 1941 to 1967. He later retired after 16 years as an aircraft mechanic for Continental Air Lines. He was a life member of the V.F.W., the Kern River Valley Moose Lodge #498.

He is survived by his wife of 5 years Marjorie Shackelford of Lake Isabella; brother Richard Shackelford of Fontana, California; brother Norman Shackelford of Arkansas; and sister Barbara Testa of San Bernardino, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
June 9, 1993

OBITUARY

George "Tex" Townson

George "Tex" Townson, 78, a former Ventura resident for 35 years, of Weldon, California, passed away on Tuesday evening in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Mr. Townson was born August 30, 1914, in Louisiana and had lived in Ventura for 35 years moving to Kern County in 1979. He was retired having been a driller for 25 years. During his career he was employed by Getty Oil, Laughlin Oil and had worked overseas in Iraq. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Townson was an avid fisherman, hunter and enjoyed gardening.

He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Lillian Townson of Weldon; sons Kenneth Townson and Daniel Townson, both of Michigan; daughters Elaine Hewit and Barbara Autry, both of Florida; daughter Roberta Kirk of Camarillo; daughter Margaret Riggins of Napa; daughter Betty Fulmer of Gold Hill, Oregon; daughter Susan Sieminski of Springfield, Oregon; daughter and son-in-law Adella and Myron Baker of Ventura; brother Jesse James Townson of Louisiana; brother Clyde Townson of Texas; sister Imogene Townson of Missouri; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 7, 1993 at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura with officers of the Poinsettia Lodge No. 633 F. & A.M. officiating.

Arrangements by Joseph P. Reardon Funeral Chapel of Ventura, California.

Wednesday
June 9, 1993

OBITUARY

Wilma Averil Holloman

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 3, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Wilma Averil Holloman of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor David Snow. Mrs. Holloman was born February 21, 1920 in Marion, Kansas, and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1959. She died May 30, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 73 years old and a 34 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years James Holloman of Lake Isabella; son Lee Holloman of Simi Valley, California; son Jim Holloman of Lake Isabella; sister Billie McKahn of Oklahoma; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Holloman was a member of the Eastern Star with dual memberships in South Gate, California and the Kern River Valley, a member of the Kern River Valley Rebekah's Lodge, the Kern River Valley Hot Shots Band. She was a Lady of the Moose, and a member of the Side Walk CBer's.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy Jean Schuler

A memorial service was held Friday, June 11, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Dorothy Jean Schuler of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Marvin Moon of the

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at the U.S. National Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Schuler was born September 6, 1929 in Dennison, Iowa and died as the result of a tragic auto accident in California City on June 5, 1993. She was 63 years old.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law David and Suzanna Schuler of Bakersfield; grandson Andrew Schuler of Bakersfield; and sister Vera Karauss of Oregon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
June 16, 1993

OBITUARY

Lorena Bell

A funeral service was held June 15, 1993 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella at 11 a.m. for long-time Kern River Valley resident Lorena Bell of Weldon. Officiating was Bishop Steve Baer of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mountain Mesa. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, officiating at graveside were the ladies of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Cecil Bell of Weldon, sons Jack White of Kernville, Ted D. White of Sparks Nevada, sister Rosemarie Robinson of Weldon, and brother Frank Smith, of Columbia, California. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
June 16, 1993

OBITUARY -

Frank John Tuchek

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery on Wednesday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m. with Monsignor Anthony Herdegen, Pastor of St. Jude's Catholic Church officiating for Mr. Frank John Tuchek. Frank passed away at his residence in Bodfish on Monday morning, June 7. He was born in Minnesota on April 12, 1949 and spent his early years there. He has resided in the Lake Isabella area for the past nine years. He was the manager of the B.A.R.C. Recycling Center in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Tuchek is survived by his wife Gloria George Tuchek of Bodfish; sons Justin and Josh Tuchek and Scott & Randy George of Long Beach; grandson Brandon George; brothers John and Greg Tuchek of Long Beach. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Taft Funeral Home.

Wednesday
June 16, 1993

OBITUARY

Lloyd Sylvester Tysland

A memorial service was held Friday, June 11, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Lloyd Sylvester Tysland of Kernville. Officiating were the Officers of the Elks Lodge #2358. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Tysland was born April 25, 1917 in Canton, South Dakota and died June 5, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 76 years old. He was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 and a 17 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his son Terry Sargent of Los Angeles; daughter Julie Velarde of Goleta, California; brother Earl Tysland of Naples, Florida; sister Valborg Akland of Sun City, Arizona; sister Lois Stewart of Sun City, Arizona; and grandson Aaron Velarde of Goleta, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
June 16, 1993

OBITUARY

Mary Frances Haymond

In loving memory of Mary Frances Haymond. Born Oct. 21, 1912. Passed on June 12, 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Robert S. Haymond in March of this year, and her brothers Hershel Wampler and brother Wm. Ray Wampler who was a resident of this valley for many years. She is survived by her beloved sister Minnie Shufeldt of Fort Towsen, Oklahoma, brother-in-law Gaylord Haymond and numerous nieces and nephews of Los Angeles.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 19 at the Church of Christ, Mt. Mesa at 11 a.m. Graveside following. The family requests donations to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Ronald Ray Jones

Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 10, 1993, at 11:00 a.m. at the Christian Fellowship Center in Wofford Heights for Mr. Ron R. Jones. He passed away at his residence in Wofford Heights on Sunday evening June 13. He was born in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania on July 22, 1930 and spent his early years there. He came to California in 1961 settling in Gardena. Mr. Jones was in the construction industry and worked throughout the United States. He moved to Wofford Heights in 1988. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Ray Jones Jr. in 1952. He is survived by his wife Kathleen of the family home in Wofford Heights. One son Donald Jones of Everett, Washington, three daughters Lois Ann Sprott of Bouton, Iowa, Kathy Boaz of Redondo Beach, Debra Jones of Adle, Iowa, three brothers Roy Jones of Lake Isabella, Richard Jones of River Bank, and Ralph Childs of Apple Valley, three sisters Patricia Powell of Stuart, Florida, Laura Lee Cole of Paxton, Iowa, Linda Daniels of Douglasville, Georgia, and Sally Walker of Wilmington. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, three great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends. Inurnment was held and interment was at Brookhaven Cemetery in Sagertown, Pennsylvania. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Taft Funeral Home.

Wednesday
June 23, 1993

OBITUARY

Edgar Alden Berg Sr.

Graveside funeral services were held on Monday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Mr. Edgar A. Berg Sr., 75. He passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Wednesday evening, June 16. Mr. Berg was born in Waseca, Minnesota on July 4, 1917 and spent his early years in Mason City, Iowa and Faribault, Minnesota. He and Vivian May Martin were married in Faribault on June 22, 1937 and together with their family they came to Barstow in 1946 and to the Los Angeles area in 1948. Mr. Berg was a structural ironworker and worked in construction throughout the southern California area. He moved to Bodfish in 1981. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, of Bodfish. Three sons and their wives, James and Eva Berg of Garden Grove, Edgar A Berg Jr. and Lisa of Garden Grove, and William and Marcia Berg of Bodfish. One brother Donald Berg, and two sisters, Emily Abbott of Glendale and Evelyn Manz of Ballwin, Missouri. He is also survived by three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Taft Funeral Home.

Mary Gervase "Gerry" Henderson

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 24, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Mary Gervase "Gerry" Henderson of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the United Methodist of Kernville. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mary was born December 12, 1919 in Fairfax, Iowa and died June 22, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 73 years old. She is preceded in death by her husband Philip R. Henderson who died May 6, 1993. Mary was a member of the Eastern Star and the Golden Slippers and a 17 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her son Jim Henderson of Saratoga, California; daughter Lynette Richards of Lomita, California; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
June 30, 1993

OBITUARY

John Ruben Schneider

A wake was held Friday, June 24, 1993 for John Ruben Schneider of Lake Isabella. Mr. Schneider was born November 2, 1917 in Wakeeney, Kansas and died June 20, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 75 years old. John owned and operated Schneider's Upholstery here in Lake Isabella for the past 15 years.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years Ruth Schneider of Lake Isabella; son Robert E. Weeb on North Carolina; son Roger Weeb of Kona Hawaii; son Michael Lynch of North Carolina; brother Leo Schneider of Kansas; sister Vera of Virginia.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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Wednesday
July 7, 1993

OBITUARY -

Carol Irene Patterson

A funeral service was held Friday, July 2, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Carol Irene Patterson of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church. Carol was born March 27, 1934 in Highmore, South Dakota and died June 28, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 59 years old.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years Gene Patterson of Lake Isabella; a daughter Beth Ann Vanholf of Visalia; son Gene Patterson of Bishop; brother Kenneth Olson; grandchildren Michelle Rhoads of Lake Isabella, David Rhoads of Lake Isabella, Kristi and Luke Patterson of Bishop, and Gene Patterson III of Bishop; and great-granddaughter Belynda Carol Rhoads.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
July 7, 1993

OBITUARY

Floyd Leo Clugston

A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 30, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge #827 in Kernville for Floyd Leo Clugston of Lake Isabella. Officiating was the Officers of K.R.V. Lodge #827 for Pastor Floyd Castillo. Mr. Clugston was born May 25, 1923 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and died June 26, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. He was 70 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years Nancy Lee Clugston of Lake Isabella; daughter Linda Lee Jeanes of Huntington Beach; brothers Milan Clugston of Utah and William Clugston of New Mexico; sister Margaret Castillo of Pacific Palisades. Floyd belonged to the Masonic Lodge #827 and Scottish Rite and the Shrines.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
July 7, 1993

OBITUARY

Eleanor Gray

Private services were held for Eleanor Gray of Lake Isabella. Eleanor was born July 21, 1916 in Hamtramck, Michigan and died June 12, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. She was 76 years old. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 12 years.

Mrs. Gray was survived by her husband of 35 years, Larry Gray of Lake Isabella; and her sister, Sally Buhl of Northern California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Afton Edgar Sullivan

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 6, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Afton Edger Sullivan of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Richard Lewis of the First Baptist Church in Kernville. Mr. Sullivan was born November 20, 1914 in Camargo, Oklahoma and died June 30, 1993 in Lancaster, California. He was 78 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years Madelyn Sullivan of Mt. Mesa; son Ben Sullivan of 17 years Jolene Rose Pence of Onyx; son Mathew Pence of San Diego; son Ralph Pence of Napa; son Christopher of Onyx; daughter Angelic Pence of Onyx; and one grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ralph Charles Pence

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 3, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Ralph Charles Pence of Onyx. Officiating was Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Southern Baptist Church of Weldon. Ralph was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 28, 1936 and died in Mt. Mesa on June 30, 1993. He was 57 years old. He was a member of the Search and Rescue in Tujunga and the C.B. Club in Tujunga.

He is survived by his wife of Oildale; daughter Carol Oldham of Oildale; stepdaughter Karen Murray of Wofford Heights; stepdaughter Brenda Wade of Ontario, California; stepson Michael Daniels of North Carolina; brother Jim Sullivan of Sacramento; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
July 7, 1993

OBITUARY

Carrie F. Howell

Carrie F. Howell died of causes related to age at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho. She was 89.

She was born May 11, 1904, in Illinois to Herman and Caroline Schmidt Schultz. She attended schools in Illinois.

Whe she was a young child, the family lived in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada, where her father worked on various farms.

They moved to Spokane in 1917, and in 1942 she moved to Seattle, where she worked in the Boeing aircraft plant.

In February 1945 Mrs. Howell entered the Women's Army Corp. After her release in July 1945, she moved to San Diego, California.

She married Louis Howell in June 1949 in San Diego.

The couple moved to Oceanside, California in 1951 and later to Lake Isabella. Her husband died in 1971.

Some time later she moved to Idaho to be near her nieces, Donna Paulson and Joan Cochrane, both of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, and lived with her nephew, Don Adams of Moscow, for several years.

Mrs. Howell recently moved to the Valley Rehabilitation and Living Center in Lewiston.

She was a member of the American Legion and Women of the Elks, and liked to play slot machines and card games. She also enjoyed playing the organ, painting, roller derbies and following the San Diego Padres baseball team.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Cremation is scheduled and a private famil y service will be held at a later date.

Malcom's Brower-Wann Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Eugene Dunn

Private services were held for Robert Eugene Dunn of Wofford Heights.

Robert was born March 21, 1908 in California and died June 29, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. He was 85 years old. He worked for Rockwell for 10 years before retiring and was a member of the Kern Valley Rovers (Good Sam), Tillie Creek Property Owners Association and a long time member of the Elks in Redondo Beach, California.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Alnette Dunn of Wofford Heights; son James Dunn of Bakersfield; daughter Judith King of Rancho Palos Verdes; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
July 14, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert M. Williams

Memorial services were held at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights on Saturday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. for Mr. Robert Milton Williams. Officiating at the services will be the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 and Reverend Jack Dilley, Pastor of the Kern Valley Bible Church.

Mr. Williams passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Wednesday morning, July 7. He was born in Topeka, Kansas on February 7, 1918 and spent his early years there, he worked as a teamster for many years and following his retirement he moved to the lake area in 1973. He was a member of the Kern Valley Bible Church, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358, Loyal Order of Moose #498, the Mountain Airs C.B. Club, the Kern River Valley Senior Citizens and the American Association of Retired Persons. He was a volunteer for the senior center and delivered commodities for the food program. He was affectionately known to local CBers as the Dingbat of Whiskey Flats.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his wife Angela in March of this year. He is survived by two sons Charles of Little Rock, California and Ronald of Hesperia, California; one daughter Yvonne Burch of Redondo Beach; grandchildren Larry Williams and Sherry Lowe of Mira Loma, Scott Burch of Redondo Beach, Bobby Williams of Little Rock, Bob Lechrome of San Diego, Cynthia Williams of Eugene, Oregon. He is also survived by one great-grandson Corey Lowe of Mira Loma, many nieces and nephews and friends.

Private inurnment was held. Services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Charles "Chuck" Edward Parker

A memorial service, attended by his family and friends, was held in Bodfish on Saturday, July 10, 1993 for Chuck Parker. Chuck was born in Lowndes County, Miss. on September 11, 1938 and died after a serious illness in Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield. He was 54 years old.

He is survived by his wife Christine Parker and Mabel of Lake Isabella; his aunt Maggie and Uncle Fred Parker, who loved him and raised him in Eupora, Miss.

Chuck was a resident of Lake Isabella for the last eight years and he will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Wednesday
July 14, 1993

OBITUARY

Wednesday
July 14, 1993

OBITUARY

Virginia Ledbetter

A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 6, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Virginia Ledbetter of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Serving as pall bearers were Bill Early, Doug Godfrey, Dean McClellan, Pat Muxlow, Jim Ash and Leonard Dickerson. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Checotah, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ledbetter was born May 5, 1947 in Tehachapi, California and died July 2, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 46 yeas old. She and her husband Ed operated Snacks 'N' Gas in Lake Isabella. Mrs. Ledbetter was a life-long Kern County resident.

She is survived by her husband of 13 years Ed Ledbetter of Lake Isabella; daughter Kathleen Ledbetter of Lake Isabella; daughter Donna Bussard of Canyon Country, California; daughter Melinda Every of Oklahoma; mother Rose Barnache of Lake Isabella; brother Jim Barnache of Weldon; brother Gene Barnache of Oklahoma; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Cecil Sylvester Hilsabeck

Cecil Sylvester Hilsabeck, a former Riverside resident, died Saturday, July 3 in Bend, Oregon. Mr. Hilsabeck was in Bend to attend the wedding of his great-granddaughter. He was 82.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Montaceto Memorial Park.

Mr. Hilsabeck was born December 15, 1910 in Dickens, Iowa to Perry Wilford and Mary (Lhamon) Hilsabeck. On April 30, 1931 he married Beulah Catherine Pitcher in Spencer, Iowa. She died March 12, 1982. For many years he worked as a vending machine mechanic.

Mr. Hilsabeck enjoyed fishing, travel and bowling. He was a member of the Christian Church in Riverside, California.

He is survived by two sons, Harold Hilsabeck of Lake Isabella, and Don Hilsabeck of Klamath Falls, Oregon; two daughters, Lucille Barnes of Diamond, Oregon, and Joan Rodgers of Riverside, California. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home of Bend, Oregon, is in charge of arrangements.

John Paul DeMatteo

Memorial services will be held at a later date for John Paul DeMatteo, 76, who passed away July 3 in a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. DeMatteo was a longtime resident of Lake Isabella and former longtime resident of Nevada County, California.

He is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Dick West; son Dr. Asa DeMatteo; daughter Delores Lee; and sons Mark and Duane; sister Sara Andrizzi; brother Paul DeMatteo; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Directors of Bakersfield.

William Lowell Sheets

Private family services were held on Sunday, July 9, for Mr. William Sheets. He passed away at his residence in Lake Isabella. Mr. Sheets was born in Jasonville, Indiana, on May 15, 1910 and spent his early years there. Following his retirement as a custodian for the Walnut School District in Diamond Bar, California, he and his wife moved to Lake Isabella in 1960. He and his wife Elsie were married in Terra Haute, Indiana, on September 2, 1933.

Mr. Sheets is survived by his wife Elsie at the family home in Lake Isabella, one son Tom of Lake Isabella, one daughter and her husband, Evelyn and Edward LaVigne of Irvine; four grandchildren Michael LaVigne of Newport Beach, Robert LaVigne of Escondido, Susan Wiste of Rancho Santa Margarita, and Thomas Sheets of La Puente. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren and many friends.

Mr. Sheets was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, the American Association of Retired Persons and Southbay Lodge #421 Free and Accepted Masons of El Segundo. Services were entrusted to the care of The Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Dorsey Ed Durbin

A visitation was held Thursday, July 15, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella followed by a graveside service Friday, July 16, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Dorsey Ed Durbin of Kernville. Officiating were the Officers of the Kern River Valley V.F.W. Post 7665 and Michael Durbin.

Mr. Durbin was born September 14, 1918 in Bennington, Oklahoma and died July 12, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was 74 years old and a 15 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his brother Alan Durbin of Oregon; his nieces Ann Tuttle and Ruth Jones of Wofford Heights, Jeanie Jones of Oakview, California; nephew Bob Parker of Tulare; brother-in-law Dell Parker of Oakview and many other friends and family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
July 21, 1993

OBITUARY

Joyce E. Crosby

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 20, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern Valley Bible Church, 3920 Golden Spur Road in Lake Isabella for Bodfish resident Mrs. Joyce E. Crosby. Officiating at the services were the Lake Isabella Chapter #1297 Women of the Moose.

Commital services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Mrs. Crosby passed away Thursday morning in a Bakersfield hospital. She was born in Vernon, Texas, on November 13, 1926 and spent her early years there. She and her husband came to California and resided in the Sepulveda area for many years. She came to the Lake Isabella area following retirement in 1978. She was a member of the Lake Isabella Chapter #1297 Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Crosby was preceded in death by her daughter Joy Elaine Smith in 1990. She is survived by her husband George Crosby of the family home in Bodfish; one son Will Crosby of Vista; one brother Herbert Dobson of Carrolton, Texas; one sister Ruth Haynes of Vernon, Texas; four grandchildren Amy and Casey Terry of Paso Robles, and Katie and Wes Crosby of Vista. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of The Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
July 21, 1993

OBITUARY

Mathew Layne Burleson

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kernville First Baptist Church for Weldon resident Mathew Burleson, age 31. Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Weldon Baptist Church officiated. Mathew died as the result of a motorcycle accident on Thursday evening, July 15. He was born in Harbor City, California, on September 30, 1961 and attended schools in Orange and Riverside counties. He moved to Weldon in 1990 and was employed by Varsity Contractors. Mathew was an outdoorsman and enjoyed his boat and loved to fish and hunt.

Mathew is survived by his wife of one month Janice of Weldon; his parents Jim and Winifred Burleson of Weldon; stepchildren Scott and Carisa Mullins and Richard and Cynthia Silcott, all of Weldon; one brother Mark Burleson of San Bernardino; one sister and her husband Nancy and Dean Martin of Riverside; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends. Private inurnment was held. Services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
July 21, 1993

OBITUARY

Darlene Marie Bagwell

A visitation was held Tuesday, July 13, 1993, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella followed by a graveside service Wednesday, July 14, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Darlene Marie Bagwell of Weldon. Officiating was Pastor Richard Lewis of the Kernville Southern Baptist Church.

Darlene was born May 3, 1949 in Lady Smith, Wisconsin and died July 6, 1993 in Weldon, California. She was 44 years old and a 7 year resident of the Kern County.

She is survived by her husband of 5 years Robert Bagwell of Weldon; her daughter Becky McAllester and son Robert Peace; stepdaughter Lorette Casteel of Simi Valley, California; stepdaughter Sheila Bagwell of Corona, California; stepson Melvin Bagwell of Taft; brother Steve Valenta of Washington; sister Vickie Blackman of Oregon; sister Shelly Wipperman of Corona; her parents George and Oni Valenta of Fullerton, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
July 28, 1993

OBITUARY

Normand Lucien Charbonneau

A visitation was held Friday, July 23, 1993 at Valley Mortuary with a funeral service following Saturday at 10:30 A.M. at the Foursquare Gospel Church in Wofford Heights for Normand Lucien Charbonneau of Bodfish. Serving as pallbearers were Pete Charbonneau, Jack Tripp, Steve Lindsay, Brian Polston, Bill Best and John Taylor. Officiating was Pastor Jerry Ruff. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Charbonneau was born July 22, 1948 in Montreal, Canada and died at his residence in Bodfish. He was 44 years old. He operated his own machine shop here in Lake Isabella for the past 11 years supplying parts for NASA.

He served as an Elder in the Foursquare Gospel Church in Wofford Heights and was very dedicated in serving his Lord. His relationship with his Lord is expressed by his favorite scripture. "I eagerly expect and hope that I will no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. Fore me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:20, 21.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years Tressa of Bodfish; his son and daughter-in-law Michael and Nina Charbonneau of Bakersfield; daughter Michele Brand of Los Alamitos, California; mother and father Adrien and Louise Charbonneau of Canada; brothers Pete Charbonneau of Idaho, Andy Charbonneau of Oregon, Paul Charbonneau of Nevada, Marcell Charbonneau of Canada and Claude Charbonneau of Canada; sisters Claire and Denise Charbonneau of Canada; grandchildren Cory Charbonneau of Bakersfield and Matthew Brand of Los Alamitos, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Daphne D. Meador

Daphne D. Meador of Poway, CA passed away July 17, 1993. She is survived by her son Richard Lund of Covina; son Lee Meador of Mayo, MD; grandson Jeffrey Meador of Kansas City, MO.

Daphne Meador was a longtime resident of Lake Isabella. She moved to the lake in 1959 and then relocated to Poway, CA in 1990. While in Lake Isabella she was active in the Elks and Moose Lodge. Born March 9, 1900 in Blaine, WA. Daphne was 93.

Wednesday
Aug. 4, 1993

OBITUARY

William G. McIntire

Bill McIntire, age 79, died Sunday, July 25, 1993. He was the third of 11 children born to William M. and Zelma Harmon McIntire in Price, Utah. Bill married Ruth Waddoups England on June 23, 1948. They were sealed in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on February 8, 1950.

Bill is survived by one son, James W. and his wife Lynn of Spokane, WA; daughter Jo and her husband Kelly Scoffield of Kingwood, TX; daughter Jenna and her husband Rick Cobb of Phoenix, AZ, one daughter Julie preceded him in death. Bill has nine deary loved grandchildren: Julie, Josh, Rebecca, Ashley, Teigan, Tia, Alaina, Mac and Joe. His surviving siblings are: DeNiece Starich, Jean Partridge, Margie Matich, and Brig McIntire of Salt Lake City, UT; Bonnie Isaac and LaVaun Pleasants of St. George, UT; James McIntire of Henderson, NV. He is also survived by hundreds of other people who love him.

Bill spent most of his adult life in pursuit of knowledge. He received degrees from Brigham Young University, University of Southern California, and Louisiana State University, where he worked for over 30 years doing researech and teaching in the areas of archeology, geology and oceanography.

A memorial service was held July 27, 1993 at the Sunset LDS Chapel in St. George, Utah. He will be buried in the Price City Cemetery. A scholarship fund has been established in his name at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Also, a memorial fund has been established in his name at the Kern River Valley Historical Society, Kernville, California.

Wednesday
Aug. 4, 1993

OBITUARY

Martha Malika Gray

A graveside service was held Wednesday, July 20, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Martha Malika Gray of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Elder Ralph Fugitt of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mt. Mesa. Mrs. Gray was born March 24, 1907 in Hawaii and died at her residence in Lake Isabella on July 15, 1993. She was 86 years old.

Martha was a 20 year resident of the Kern River Valley, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Mt. Mesa, and a member of National Rifleman's Association. She was preceded in death by her son Frederic Necholas Gray who died June 9, 1993.

Martha is survived by her son Eddie Gray of Bullhead City, Arizona, seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edgar Clyde DeJarlais

Edgar Clyde DeJarlais, formerly of Hooper Rd., Weldon, California, passed away on June 27, 1993 in Muskegon, Michigan where he had resided with his niece.

He was born December 30, 1915 in Flint, Michigan, served in U.S. Navy from 1934-1940. He married Opal Arnold on October 20, 1940. She preceded him in death on October 26, 1990.

He is survived by nieces and nephews, sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws.

His remains will be buried on August 6, 1993 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California; with Pastor Deryl Lackey officiating.

Jack W. Hobson

A memorial service was held Thursday, August 5, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights for Jack Wesley Hobson of Wofford Heights. Officiating were the Officers of the Elks Lodge #2358. Jack was born July 2, 1909 in Belcherville, Texas and died July 30, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 84 years old. Jack was employed as a pile driver and bridge builder. In fact, he worked on most of the bridges on Highway 178 in Eastern Kern County. Jack was a member of the Elks Lodge #2358, and a 3 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years Pauline Hobson of Wofford Heights; son Don Marston of Lancaster, California; daughter Katherine Harper of Kansas; daughter Maryellen Haggerman of Lamar, Colorado; daughter Jackie Shepherd of Oregon; daughter May Carson of Texas; daughter Reaella Bartner of Colorado; daughter Henrietta Smith of Colorado; brother Sam Hobson of Florida; brother Bufford Hobson of Florida brother Eugene Hobson of Oklahoma; sister Lettie Bond of Florida; and 14 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ruthe Elizabeth Dunham

Ruthe Elizabeth Dunham, age 73, passed away due to illness on August 3, 1993 at her place of residence in Grove, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Dunham was born July 29, 1920 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She married Robert Dunham, July 30, 1939 at McAlester, Oklahoma. They moved to Grove, Oklahoma in October 1992, from Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Mrs. Dunham was a member of Eastern Star of Grove and a Daughter of the Nile.

She is survived by her husband Robert Dunham of Grove, Oklahoma; daughter Shirley Duncan of Atlanta, Georgia; son Larry Dunham of Palm Coast, Florida; brother Oscar Cook of Lompoc, California; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation services are under the direction of Sherman-Schrag Funeral Home of Grove, Oklahoma.

Wednesday
Aug. 18, 1993

OBITUARY

Carlton Flavil Melton

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 14, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Eagles Aerie #3156 for Carlton Flavil Melton of Onyx. Officiating were the Officers of the Eagles and Officers of the Kern River Valley V.F.W. Post #7665.

Carlton was a member of the Kern River Valley V.F.W. Post #7665, and the Kern River Valley Eagles Aerie #3156.

Mr. Melton was born January 29, 1910 in Hohenwald, Tennessee and died August 10, 1993 at his residence in Onyx. He was 83 years old. He is survived by his wife Patricia Melton of Onyx of whom he married in Australia 48 years ago; daughter Sandra Melton Febles of Torrance, California; daughter Violet Danyo of Michigan; son Tom Melton of Maylasa; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday
Aug. 18, 1993

OBITUARY

Fern Lulu Cambis

Fern Lulu Cambis died of heart failure Saturday, July 24, 1993 in her Fremont, California, home. She was 89.

Born April 3, 1904, in Minden, Nebraska, she lived in Fremont for the past six years. She was a homemaker who worked on the ferry from Berkeley to San Francisco many years ago.

Her husband, Jim Cambis died in 1990. She is survived by daughter Barbara Harrell of Fremont; daughter Teena Reams of Buena Park; son Burt Cambis of Bodfish; son Vincent Cambis of Carlsbad; 24 grandchildren, including Sandra Saddler of Lake Isabella and Terri Sullivan, formerly of Havilah; 26 great-grandchildren, including Annette and Craig Saddler of Lake Isabella, and Michele, Jesse and Damon Sullivan, formerly of Havilah; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Wednesday
Aug. 25, 1993

OBITUARY

Gordon Stanley Flanagan

A visitation was held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 24 and 25 at Valley Mortuary and with a service following Thursday, August 26, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Gordon Stanley Flanagan of Bodfish. Officiating will be Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church of Lake Isabella.

Gordon was born December 28, 1931 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and died August 20, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was 61 years old. Gordon entered the Canadian Navy in 1949 in England and served until 1949 leaving as Seaman First Class/Aircraft Mechanic. Gordon was a member of the Kern River Valley Eagles Aerie #3156 and a Mason.

He is survived by his wife of eight years, Virginia Flanagan of Bodfish; son Michael Flanagan of Gardena, California; son Derek Flanagan of Torrance, California; son Steven Flanagan of Lomita, California; son Kenneth Flanagan of Wilmington, California; son George Crane of Corona, California; son Bob Crane of Florida; son James Sadler of Gardena, California; daughter Linda Simmons of Bodfish; daughter Gail Barlea of Carson, California; brother Bernerd Flanagan of Florida; sister Glaydis Wescot of England; sister Elaine Leeming of England; sister Joy Heed of England; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday
Aug. 25, 1993

OBITUARY

Rena Abraham

A memorial service was held Monday, August 23 1993, at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Rena Abraham of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Marvin Moon of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

Rena was born in Alberta, Canada, on August 28, 1911 and died in Mt. Mesa on August 19, 1993. She was 81 years old. She was a member of the Moose Lodge for many years.

Mrs. Abraham is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert Abraham of Lake Isabella, and two nieces Pat Peligine of Nevada and Carol Cacossette of Whittier.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Aug. 25, 1993

OBITUARY

Edward C. Rich

Edward C. Rich of Bodfish passed away on August 13, 1993 at the VA Hospital in Fresno, California. He was born in Bayard, Nebraska on July 12, 1926.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Bodfish; son Franklin Rich of Fresno, California; daughter Lynda Rich of Modesto, California; son Roger Rich of Aubrey, Texas; and their families.

Mr. Rich is also survived by a brother Donald Rich of Grants Pass, Oregon; sister Irene Nutt of Paso Robles, California; sister Nita DeGraw of Fresno, California; sister Iona Hoeye of Woodburn, Oregon; their families and six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and 21 nieces and nephews.

Ed was a 13 year resident of the Kern River Valley. He was a life member of VFW Post #7665, DAV Chapter #54 and the CPVA of Long Beach, California.

Arrangements were made by the Wild Rose Chapel of Fresno for Interment in San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, California. He will be missed by his family and many friends in the Kern River Valley.

Wednesday
Sept. 1, 1993

OBITUARY

Mary Jane Fiedorowicz

Memorial services will be held for Mary Jane Fiedorowicz on Friday, September 3, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. at Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating will be Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Mary was born in St. Joseph, Michigan on October 12, 1918. She worked for many years as a registered nurse, and as a social worker for the County of Orange and the American Red Cross. She was a 12 year resident of the valley which she loved.

Mary will be sorely missed by her husband and family. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Leonard Fiedorowicz of Lake Isabella; son David Fiedorowicz of Arroyo Grande; daughter Lynn Ann Valles of Lake Elsinore; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; mother Estelle Wilkinson and brother William Hoffman, both of Michigan.

The family wishes to thank the many friends who have lent their loving support through visits, calls, prayers and cards. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

Lee J.R. Taylor

A funeral service was held Thursday, September 2, 1993, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Lee J.R. Taylor. Officiating were the officer of the VFW Post #7665.

Lee was born December 22, 1920 in McCalestor, Oklahoma, and passed away August 30, 1993 in No. Hollywood, California. He was 72 years old. Lee served in the Armed Forces for 22 years. He was a resident of Lake Isabella for 30 years.

He is survived by his aunt Vesta Cicotte (aunt Bill) of Lake Isabella; his brother James W. Taylor of Glendale; cousin Rita Milburn of Mojave and many more aunts and uncles and cousins.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Theresa Joan McArthur

Private services were held for Theresa Joan McArthur of Lake Isabella. Theresa was born November 21, 1936, in Boston, Massachusetts, and passed away August 4, 1993 in Lake Isabella. She was 56 years old. She was a resident of Lake Isabella for 6 years.

She is survived by her sister Catherine Pappalardo of Medford, Massachusetts.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Sept. 8, 1993

OBITUARY

Lavona Pearl Cox

A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 31, 1993, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Lavona Pearl Cox of Weldon. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church and Lavona's grandson Elder David Sweany of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Lavona was born November 6, 1915 in Payson, Oklahoma, and passed away August 28, 1993, in Mt. Mesa. She was 77 years old.

She is survived by her daughter Wanda Freeman of Weldon; sister Sue Lane of Lake Isabella; sister Mae Alexander of Georgia; sister Jackie Green of Arkansas; sister Barbara Jenkins of Texas; brother Myron Miller of Arkansas; brother Dorsey Miller of Arkansas; and brother Wayne Miller of Fulsom, California; cousin Myrtle Humphries of Lake Isabella; 4 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and many more nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Sept. 8, 1993

OBITUARY

Gertrude Helen Spainhower

Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 9, 1993, at 11:30 a.m. at the Memorial Chapel in Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier for Gertrude Helen Spainhower of Southlake. Officiating will be Dr. Dean Smith of the Christian Church of Los Gatos, California.

Gertrude was born July 20, 1904 in Pasadena, California, and passed away on September 2, 1993, in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 88 years old.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella and a resident of Kern Valley for the past 23 years.

She is survived by her sons Albert and Andrew Smith of Lake Isabella; her brother Harvy Keithley of Arcadia, California; sister Wilma Fergeson of Wofford Heights; sister Charlene Thomas of Altadena, California; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Sept. 22, 1993

OBITUARY

Billy J. Puckett

Memorial services were held in the Riverside Park in Kernville on Tuesday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m. for Lake Isabella resident Billy J. Puckett.

He passed away in Mt. Mesa on Friday, September 10, afternoon. Mr. Puckett was born in Texas on June 26, 1922. He was retired from the Erskine Creek Water Company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bicycling.

He is survived by his wife Maxine Puckett of Lake Isabella; his mother Stella Puckett of Lake Isabella; one son Jerry and his wife Nancy of Bodfish; four daughters and their husbands Jennifer and Bill Dehart of Bakersfield, Carol and Kenny Newton of Bakersfield, Terri Cossey of Bakersfield, and Tami and Allan Moore of Kernville. Mr. Puckett is also survived by one brother and his wife James and Jenny Puckett of Walker Basin, one sister Doris Foresman of Fresno, seventeen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Private inurnment was held. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
Sept. 22, 1993

OBITUARY

Gladys E. Pozzolo

A memorial service was held Tuesday, September 21, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Gladys E. Pozzolo of Wofford Heights, California. Officiating were the Ladies of the Elks and the Grandmothers Club #94.

Gladys was born August 5, 1909 in Indianola, Oklahoma and passed away September 17, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 84 years old, and a resident of the Kern Valley for the past 22 years. She was a member of the Moose, Elks, and the Grandmothers Club #94 and belonged to the Southgate VFW.

She is survived by Jo and Clay Provinse of Wofford Heights; sister Mildred Reagan of Paramount, California; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Sept. 22, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert Madison Lavender

A funeral service was held Tuesday, September 14, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes in Inglewood Cemetery for Robert Madison Lavender of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Bishop Kaliopasi Baitai of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Interment followed at Inglewood Cemetery in Inglewood.

Mr. Lavender was born October 15, 1922 in Los Angeles, California. He was 70 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years Gina of Wofford Heights; son Bob Lavender of Texas; daughter Cris Henson of Saugus; brother Dick Lavender of Fallon, Nevada; and six grandchildren. He is formerly of Rolling Hills.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Sept 22, 1993

OBITUARY

Arthur "Art" Ramirez

A visitation was held Wednesday and Thursday, September 15 and 16, 1993 at Ridgecrest Mortuary with a graveside service following Friday, September 17, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Arthur "Art" Ramirez of Weldon. Officiating was Mr. Ron Pavey.

Art was born May 9, 1940 in El Paso, Texas, and died September 13, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 53 years old. Art attended elementary school in Caliente and graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1959. Art served in the United States Marine Corps and received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal during the Cuban crisis. Art wore many hats while living in Kern County. Early in his life, he worked as a ranch hand in Caliente. The oil fields in Bakersfield for Baker Service Tools in many capacities. He worked for the B.L.M., and the U.S. Forest Service. He was a farrier here in the Kern River Valley, and was last employed by the County of Kern Parks Department. Art was a 7 year resident of the Kern River Valley and a 46 year resident of Kern County.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years Anita Ramirez of Weldon; daughter and son-in-law Deann and Rick Behm of Onyx; daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Tim Behm of Weldon; his mother Lydia Ortega of Bakersfield; brother Raymond Gutierrez of Texas; brother Rudy Ramirez of Bakersfield; brother Vincent Ortega of Bakersfield; sisters Lucille Gonzales, Lydia Castro, Edna Garcia, Yolanda Cardenez, Bertha Ortega, Ofelia Ortega, all of Bakersfield; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Audrey Townsend

In Loving Memory of
Audrey Townsend
February 22, 1920 to
September 22, 1992
Dearest Wife, Mother
and Grandmother

Mom, it has been a year since you left us. We miss you very much. I miss your Sunday morning phone calls and the times we could share together. We know you were in a lot of pain and now you are free of pain and resting in peace. We all love you and miss you.

Your loving daughter,
Alice

Wednesday
Sept. 29, 1993

OBITUARY

Billy J. Puckett

Memorial services were held in the Riverside Park in Kernville on Tuesday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m. for Lake Isabella resident Billy J. Puckett.

He passed away in Mt. Mesa on Friday, September 10, afternoon. Mr. Puckett was born in Texas on June 26, 1922. He was 71. He was retired from the Erskine Creek Water Company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bicycling.

He is survived by his wife Maxine Puckett of Lake Isabella; his mother Stella Puckett of Lake Isabella; one son Jerry and his wife Nancy of Bodfish; four daughters and their husbands Jennifer and Bill Dehart of Bakersfield, Carol and Kenny Newton of Bakersfield, Terri Cossey of Bakersfield, and Tami and Allan Moore of Kernville. Mr. Puckett is also survived by one brother and his wife James and Jenny Puckett of Walker Basin, one sister Doris Foresman of Fresno, seventeen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Private inurnment was held. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
Sept. 29, 1993

OBITUARY

Stephen James Brailo

Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 28, 1993 at 2 p.m. for Stephen J. Brailo, 82, who passed away September 22, 1993 in Kernville. Monsignor A. Herdegen officiated at graveside.

Mr. Brailo was born in Spokane, Washington on August 5, 1911. He lived in the Kern Valley area for 22 years. He enjoyed gardening and fresh water and salt water fishing.

He is survived by daughter Judith and her husband Stephen; daughter Janet and her husband Fred; brothers John and George Brailo; four grandchildren, Stephanie and Scott Burns and James and Jason May; and two great-grandchildren, Brianne and Chase May.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Albert Edward Gonsalves

A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 21, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Albert Edward Gonsalves of Onyx. Officiating was Rev. Monsignor A.G. Herdegen of St. Jude Parish Catholic Church.

Mr. Gonsalves was born June 6, 1907 in Castro Valley, California and passed away September 17, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 30 years and a past member of the Castro Valley Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Maurice Gonsalves of Onyx; son James of Oakland; son Paul of Los Angeles; daughter Diane Martin of San Leandro, California; step-son Patrick Ross of Onyx; step-son Michael Ross of Yorba Linda; step-son Jerry Ross of Glendale, Arizona; brother Anthony of Hayword; brother Manuel of Castro Valley; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Tammie S. Kinkade

A funeral service was held Thursday, September 23, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Tammie Susanne Kinkade of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Tammie was born September 4, 1969 in Fullerton, California and passed away September 19, 1993 in Lake Isabella. She was 24 years old. Tammie worked at Burger King for the past six years.

She is survived by her husband of five years Butch Kinkade of Kernville; her daughter Janelle Amber Kinkade of Kernville; mother Bobbie Harwell of Lake Isabella; father Austin Harwell of Buena Park; brothers Tim and Tod Harwell of Lake Isabella; grandmother Eleen McDonald of Wofford Heights; grandmother Ina Harwell of Buena Park; grandfather Robert Perigan of San Diego; and father and mother-in-law Ralph and Bonita Kinkade of Kernville.

Tammie will be missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wednesday
Oct. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Josie L. Christianson

Memorial services were held Monday, October 4, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Josie L. Christianson of Bodfish. Officiating was Jim Parrish. Josie was born November 24, 1911 in Coon Rapids, Iowa and passed away September 29, 1993 in Bodfish, California. She was 81 years old. Josie was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She was in the nursing profession for 50 years.

She is survived by her daughter Ruth Johns of Bodfish; son Clinton Bush of Bodfish; son James Bush of North Hollywood, California; sister Pearl Davison of Iowa; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Marjorie Deaton Astry

Marjorie Deaton Astry was born on January 16, 1909 and passed away September 29, 1993. She worked for Firestone Tire Company.

She moved to Lake Isabella in 1968 for her retirement.

No services were requested.

Marjorie touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all.

Wednesday
Oct. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Zorah Frances Elmore

Private services were held for Zorah Frances Elmore of Wofford Heights.

Zorah was born in Stockton, California on February 19, 1908 and passed away in Wofford Heights on September 25, 1993. She was 85 years old. She was a secretary for Home heating and air conditioning for 60 years. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 54 years.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Lewis Elmore of Wofford Heights; son Richard Elmore of North Hills, California; daughter Zorah-Rae Elmore of Wofford Heights.

The family would like to thank Dr. LeeHo and his staff and Effie Hall for all their help and support.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Oct. 6, 1993

OBITUARY

Floyd Franklin Garrett

Floyd Franklin Garrett of Lake Isabella was born on September 21, 1917 to Henry Clay Garrett and Mary Ledbetter. He passed away on October 1, 1993 at the age of 76. He was a member of VFW Post 7665 and was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by wife Clara Mae Garrett of Lake Isabella; sister Elsie Norman of Mt. Mesa; sister Lois Lewis of Ridgecrest; sister Agnes Grencik of Monroe, Louisiana; son Duane Garrett of Bakersfield; son Don McLeod of Columbia, South Carolina; son Paul McLeod of Columbia, South Carolina; son Edward Garrett of Hot Springs, Arkansas; stepson Dale Gibson of Jonesboro, Louisiana; stepdaughter Shirley Garrett of Southlake; 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

KERN VALLEY SUN

Wednesday
Oct. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Fighter pilot, civic leader has final respects paid

By BRET BRADIGAN
Kern Valley Sun

No one grumbled when an airplane, making a low approach to Kern Valley Airport, disrupted the solemn services at Tillie Creek Amphitheater.

After all, the crowd of 75 was in place to celebrate the life of Bob Myrann. They knew he, as a retired fighter- and test-pilot, would have welcomed the aerial interlude.

Bob Myrann, 71, died Wednesday, Oct. 6 after a lingering illness. He was born March 22, 1922 in Tolstoy, South Dakota. In between, he kept busy.

As Tom McKinney, officiating the service, said from the biographical background given by Myrann's family, his love of flying began early, when a barnstorming pilot landed in a field near the family homestead. The plane sat idle, waiting for the pilot to return to finish repairs. The future pilot spent months in the cockpit, dreaming of airbound glory.

At the age of 20, he found himself flying out of San Francisco, pilot of a B-17 bound for the South Pacific. He resigned his commission following the war, after 200 missions, but reentered the service as a fighter pilot for the early jet craft in the Korean War.

Myrann was lauded as man who dreamed up community projects, then made them work

In 1954, Myrann was hired by General Dynamics as a test pilot. During his 20-plus years, he flew some 76 types of aircraft, ending his career as a pilot of the Air Force's F-111 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Despite the bravura required of pilots, McKinney said Myrann had a fear of the water. "He never went into the water without a lifejacket." In fact, while returning from a mission with a stalled engine, Myrann prepared to bail out. When he saw the water waiting for him below, he tried again, desperately, to restart the engine. It finally shuddered back to life.

"He never hit a parachute once, he always got the craft back home," McKinney said.

After his retirement, Myrann opened the Sportsman's Center in Lake Isabella, which quickly became the repository of tall tales and fish stories. He then became manager of the Kern Valley Shell Station and sold real estate for Century 21. His widow, Daphne, said it took one visit, on the advice of friends, to decide the Kern Valley was the place for them. They've never looked back.

During his stay here, according to First District Supervisor Roy Ashburn, Myrann was a man who "always had a new idea, had a new project, a promotion. He succeeded at every single term."

Among his achievements was the presidency of the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, as well as twice being head of the Visitors Council. He was chairman of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission. He initiated the Kern Valley Fish and Game Habitat Improvement Club, the Christmas Tree program and the Junior Pheasant Hunt. He was named the 1989 Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year.

Myrann is survived by his wife, Daphne, son Robert and daughter Lonnie. Graveside services were held Monday in Lancaster.

His nephew, Fred Myrann, said at the service that Uncle Bob had given him his first ride in an airplane, and in a jet. During the airplane flight, he said, "We chased antelope."

Wednesday
Oct. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

John Campbell Rambo

Services were held Saturday, October 9, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest for John Campbell Rambo of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church of Lake Isabella. John was born March 7, 1919 in Seattle, Washington and passed away September 30, 1993 in Lake Isabella. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 48 years. John retired from the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake in 1973.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years Ida Rambo of Lake Isabella; son MIchael Rambo of Reno, Nevada; step-daughters Phyllis Mason and Denise Floyd of Anaheim; step-son Don Peterson of Los Angeles; sister Dorothy Stiedel of Lake Arrowhead; nephew Robert Bohn of Bluejay, California; 10 grandchildren. John was preceded in death by son Jon Rambo.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer Research Foundation.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Oct. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Zelda C. Marsh

Private services were held for Zelda C. Marsh of Lake Isabella.

Zelda was born August 17, 1916 in Goldthwaite, Texas and passed away October 4, 1993 in Bakersfield. She was 77 years old and a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years.

She is survived by her daughter Glenda Whillock of Kernville; granddaughter Manda Malott of Georgia; grandson Dr. Kenny Malott of Encinitas, California; granddaughter Melissa Barzee of Kernville; and great-granddaughter Michelle Malott.

Zelda was a member of the Moose and Grandmothers Club and an active bowler.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles (Buss) E. Hawes

Services will be held for Charles (Buss) E. Hawes of Wofford Heights on October 16, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Lake Isabella. The VFW officers will be officiating and the eulogy will be read by Carl Snider.

Charles was born February 14, 1920 in Loveland, Iowa and passed away on September 29, 1993. He was 73 years old and a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years. Charles was a member of the VFW, Kernville Lions, Flying Tigers Air Force Association and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Lou Ann Hawes; mother Gladys Hawes; daughter Charlotte Hart and her husband Dennis, of St. Helens, Oregon; daughter Peggy Wyly and her husband John, of Leona Valley, California; son Garry Hawes and his wife Kathleen; sister Dorothy Davis and her husband Bob; brother Donald and his wife Janice; and five grandchildren. Charles was preceded in death by his brother Sheldon.

In lieu of flowers, any donations to Cancer Fund will be appreciated.

Wednesday
Oct. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Sidney Richards Fuller

Private arrangements were made for Sidney Richards Fuller of Lake Isabella. Mr. Fuller was born May 16, 1922 in Amoy, China and passed away October 8, 1993 in Lake Isabella. He was 71 years old and a resident of Lake Isabella for the past seven years. Mr. Fuller was in the Merchant Marines for 29 years and served in WWII, Korea and the Vietnam wars.

He is survived by his wife Betty Stewart Fuller of Lake Isabella; mother Doris Mabel Edwards of Norwich, England; son Sidney Fuller, Jr. of Westminster, California; daughter Peggy Sperrico of Westminster; step-daughter Kathy Gonzales of Bellflower, California; step-daughter Karen Young of Long Beach, California; step-daughter Janice Stewart of Huntington Beach; sister Gertrude Coates of Las Vegas, Nevada; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Oct. 13, 1993

OBITUARY

Olga Emilie Maas

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 12, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Olga Emilie Maas of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Marvyn Moon. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Olga was born October 16, 1917 in Leola, South Dakota and passed away October 8, 1993 in Mt. Mesa. She was 75 years old. She belonged to LWML and was on the election board for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years Edwin Maas of Lake Isabella; son Timothy Maas of Huntington Beach; son Lynn Maas of Los Angeles; son Terrance Maas of Bakersfield; brother Jack Frost of Arizona; brother Herb Frost of Lake Isabella; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Oct. 20, 1993

MEMORIAL

A Memorial Tribute to Sidney Richards Fuller, My Husband

A gentle, sensitive, caring and conscientious man, he made our years together a time of joy and tranquility. He gave the best that he was and had to those he loved, treated his fellow man with respect and met fully all responsibilities life imposed upon him. No man can do more. Without criticism, he tolerated my whims and foibles and encouraged my endeavors. I was privileged to be his wife. I miss him in a hundred large and little ways but I thank the Lord for releasing him from his suffering and I applaud his courage. He sailed on many rough seas through World War II and the Vietnam and Korea conflicts on merchant supply ships which were heavy in the water and, as he called them, "sitting ducks."

May this last voyage be the most peaceful of them all Godspeed, my love.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to many caring people in this valley who helped us through these trying times: Dr. James Chang, his staff and nurses Maria and Denise who helped prolong the quality of life for Sid and gave us a little more time together; Dr. Gary Finstad who kindly sustained us and supported Sid's choices; Kern Valley Hospital and staff, Natalie, Cindy and all the other nurses and individuals who talked, listened and sympathized whose names I did not know or cannot recall but who gently cared for Sid during his many day-long sessions there.

I must include Elle, associated with both Dr. Finstad and Kern Hospice, who gave unstintingly of her time and support. Thanks also to neighbors, friends and family who rallied around us and to Keith and Mike at Med-Mart for their courtesy and assistance. To any I may have omitted, I apologize. Please include yourselves in this listing. I am profoundly grateful to each and every one of you. God bless you all.

Betty Stewart-Fuller

Ola Belle Hutchison

Ola Belle Hutchison was born October 2, 1918 in Abilene, Texas and passed away on September 30, 1993 in Lubbock, Texas. She was 74 years old. Ola was a resident of the Kern Valley for approximately 42 years. She belonged to the Kern Valley Bowling Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Burt Hutchison.

Mrs. Hutchison is survived by son Duane Hutchison and wife Rory of Hobbs, New Mexico; grandson Roy Hutchison of Hobbs, New Mexico; granddaughter Cindy Hunt of Lake Isabella and one great-granddaughter.

An Eastern Star memorial service was held on October 8 at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville.

Kathryn (Kitti) E. Noles

Memorial services were held Saturday, October 23, 1993, at 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Kathryn E. Noles, 87, who passed away October 19, 1993, in Mt. Mesa, California. Mrs. Noles was born in Caliente, California on January 22, 1906. She was a seamstress for 30 years and had resided in the Kern Valley area since 1970.

Survivors include her daughter Genevieve Busby of Wofford Heights; step-son Richard Noles; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alvin E. Majors

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 26, 1993 at 10 a.m. for Alvin E. Majors, 84, who passed away October 22, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California and interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Alvin E. Majors was born in Cortez, Colorado on November 29, 1908. He was a member of the American Motorcycle Association. He was in the United States Marine Corp, stationed at Pearl Harbor. He was a Reservoir Keeper for the Department of Water for the city of Los Angeles for 45 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending time traveling and camping and loved gardening.

Survivors include his wife Mary Majors of Onyx; daughter Kathleen Fanell of Honolulu, Hawaii; son Russell Majors of Panorama City, California; son Donald Majors of Agoura, California; son Dennis Majors of Walnut, California; daughter Marilyn Kriss of Ravena, New York; son Kenneth Majors of Lake Arrowhead, California; sister Mildred Short of Yucaipa, California; sister Gladys Davis of Rosemead, California; sister Margorie Perriguey of Eureka, California; and 21 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary Funeral Directors.

Wednesday
Oct. 27, 1993

OBITUARY

Arnold L. (Monk) Tibbits

Arnold L. (Monk) Tibbits was born of Armand and Effie Tibbits on July 28, 1918 in Omaha, Nebraska. He passed away on October 14, 1993.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years Helen; sisters Vivian Kramolisch and Lola Lloyd of Sierra Vista, Arizona; brother Robert and wife Beverly of Weldon; son Danny and wife Barbara of Everett, Washington; daughter Sandy Donnelly of Weldon; grandchildren Billy, Michelle, Christina, Marcia Donnelly, Christen and Kevin Tibbits.

Arnold retired in 1973 from Clougherty Bros. in Vernon, California, as Yard Master after 30 years. He served in WWII from 1940 to 1944 with the Army, 3 major campaigns including Aug. 7 Invasion of Guadalcanal. He was decorated with a Presidential Unit Citation.

We are all proud of him and he will be lovingly missed.

Wednesday
Oct. 27, 1993

OBITUARY

Orla Mae Jeanson

Orla Mae Jeanson, age 100, of Wofford Heights, passed away October 9, 1993 at Pacific Regency Care Center in Bakersfield, California. She was born in Kankakee, Illinois, on February 25, 1893. She was a pharmacist for a few years and retired in Bellflower, California as an insurance agent and broker. Her home has been in Wofford Heights since 1963. She was very active in the Kern Valley Chapter of the Golden Slipper.

Her son, Hugh Jeanson, of Lake Isabella, preceded her in death November 5, 1991.

She is survived by a daughter, Olive Mae Graves of Reno, Nevada. There are also four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After cremation, the final resting place is Kern Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Oct. 27, 1993

OBITUARY

Corporal Dustin Shawn Boesch

A full military memorial service was held Friday, October 22, 1993 at Mish Funeral Home in Oildale for Corporal Dustin Shawn Boesch who died October 14, 1993 in a tragic car accident near Carson City, Nevada. Officiating was Chaplin Horn, USNR. Sgt. Richard Schickel, USMC gave the eulogy.

Corporal Boesch was born September 26, 1971 in Bakersfield, California, and attended Porterville High School and Kern Valley High School in Lake Isabella where he graduated mid-term in 1989.

Dustin enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in April, 1989. He served at Camp Pendleton, California; Okinawa, Japan; Saudia Arabia (Desert Storm); Antarctica; Alaska; Mogadishu, Somalia and was recently transferred to the U.S. Marine Corp Mountain Warfare Training Center near Bridgeport, California.

Dustin is survived by his mother Susie McGregor; sister Sara McGregor of Lake Isabella; father Dusty and Jan Boesch; sister Brandell and brother Tyson Boesch of California Hot Springs; grandparents Claude and Jackie Bess of Lake Isabella; grandparents Elmer and Peggy Boesch of California Hot Springs; special Aunt Debbie and Cousin Travis; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends who will miss him dearly.

Dustin was a loving, caring and devoted son and dedicated Marine. He loved the mountains, horses, the high country, the outdoor life, his family and someone very dear and close to his heart, Tonja.

Pall bearers were Travis Smith, Ed Cowan, Reuben Perez and members of the U.S. Marine Corps from Camp Pendleton and Bridgeport, California.

Constance Crow

Graveside services were held Wednesday, October 20, 1993, at 11:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Constance Crow of Kernville with Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

Constance was born April 17, 1924 in Wichita Falls, Texas and passed away October 16, 1993 in Kernville, California. She was 69 years old and a resident of the Kern Valley for 44 years. She was a long time member of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years James Crow of Kernville; son James Crow Jr. of Kernville; brother Pete Panarites of Colton, California; sister Christina Mead of Palmdale; two granddaughters, Kassadi and Erica.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

KERN VALLEY SUN

Wednesday
Oct. 27, 1993

MEMORIAL

In Loving Memory of Doyle and Lois Higginson

Wofford Heights residents since August 1971, Doyle and Lois loved their home and community and were active in many organizations during their 19 years in the Kern Valley area.

Both artists at heart, they were very active in the Kern River Valley Art Association. Doyle retired as President in 1978. A master sign maker and commercial artist, his signs and logos are still in use throughout the community. They were also very active in the Kern Valley Historical Society, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Doyle was born April 3, 1904, and named Conan Doyle after his mother's favorite author. His mother, Lenoir Keen, was from a prominent Irish/English family, and his great-grandfather, Israh Baker Keen, was a Senator under Abraham Lincoln. His father, Alva Blain Higginson, was from a family of Dutch farmers, and supported his family as a barber. The family moved to Colorado when he was four, coming to California at the age of 18 to attend Chounard Art School in Los Angeles (presently called California Institute of the Arts in Valencia). He later entered the aerospace industry and retired from Hughes Aircraft Company as master machinist in their experimental lab. Doyle had two joyful years entertaining children as DODO the Clown before coming to the Kern Valley.

Lois May was born December 27, 1918, a twin -- 45 minutes after her sister, Claudia, in San Fernando, California, to the historical Rinaldi family. Her family roots go back to her great-great-grandfather, Juan Francisco Reyes, the General who escorted Father Serra through California while establishing the missions, and who later established the San Fernando Mission and became the first Mayor of Los Angeles.

After marrying Doyle, Lois became the perfect homemaker and raised their children. She was active in Girl Scouts of America and PTA during those years. After moving to the Kern Valley, she became active in the South Fork Woman's Club; she also served many years as an officer of the Isabella TOPS Chapter and was awarded "Woman of the Year" for her inspiration and service in 1985.

It was Lois' father, Charles Rinaldi, and step-mother, Lynn, who first settled in Kernville in 1956. Followed by her sister, Katherine Reese (who has since moved to Louisiana). Next came Lois' sister, Rose Neff, who still resides in Wofford Heights with her husband Jim.

Due to illness, the Higginsons left their beloved Wofford Heights home in 1989. Doyle passed away on July 28, 1991. A memorial was held by his children in Agoura, California. On September 13, Lois passed away in the loving presence of her twin sister, Claudia, and her children. She had suffered a lengthy illness of Lyme's Disease. Lois and Doyle are survived by their five children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Their joyful natures and loving hearts are greatly missed.

The family wishes to extend an invitation to Lois' memorial service to be held Sunday morning, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. at Tillie Creek Amphitheater. If it is raining, the services will be held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Harry D. Dollar, Sr.

Harry D. Dollar, Sr. of Kernville passed away, October 16, 1993, at the age of 74. He was born October 7, 1919 in Malone, Washington.

Harry had lived in Kernville only a short while. He was engaged in the lumber business with his father in Pacific Northwest. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Dollar, and the great-nephew of the late Robert Dollar of the steamship lines.

Mr. Dollar was a Shriner, Mason and Eastern Star. He also attended the University of Washington.

He is survived by his wife Kay; daughter Carolyne Douglas; sons Stephen and Philip. There are three grandchildren.

Funeral services were private and held on Wednesday, October 20, 1993, at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Rev. Deryl Lackey.

Wednesday
Nov. 3, 1993

OBITUARY

Doris V. Lovelace

Doris V. Lovelace, a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years. She was the beloved mother of Carol Dunn and Patricia Dawson. Doris is also survived by five grandchildren and her sister Juanita Cagle.

Services were held Wednesday, October 27, 1993 at the Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn, Cypress. Directed by Forest Lawn Mortuary.

Wednesday
Nov. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Eleanor I. Rogers

Eleanor I. Rogers, former resident of Wofford Heights from 1971-1991, passed away Tuesday, November 2, 1993 in Granada Hills, California. Mrs. Rogers was the widow of John Rogers, former owner of the Blue Jay Trailer Parks. She was born in Minnesota in 1915.

She is survived by her son, Lance N. Hillengass of Needham, Massachusetts; her sister Adeline Myckleby of Hawthorne, California; grandsons Kevin Hillengass of Canoga Park, California and Kelly Hillengass of Hemet, California.

Interment took place in Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, California on Saturday, November 6, 1993.

Wednesday
Nov. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Everett Thomas Pellum

Graveside services were held Thursday, November 4, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Everett Thomas Pellum of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor James Lee of Valley Faith Center in Lake Isabella.

Everett was born February 23, 1918 in Shawneetown, Illinois and passed away November 1, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 18 years.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Babe Pellum of Lake Isabella and his sister Velma Rinker of Escondido, California and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Nov. 10, 1993

OBITUARY

Ruth Christian

Ruth Christian was born March 10, 1909 and passed away October 31, 1993. She was a long-time resident of Kernville since 1942.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years Percy Christian. Ruth is survived by daughter Sue Erro of Bakersfield; Melford Hearn of Lake Isabella.

Family services will be held at a future date.

Wednesday
Nov. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Frank J. Willin

A recitation of the Holy Rosary was held on Thursday, November 11 at 10:35 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Wofford Heights resident Frank J. Willin. A Mass of Resurrection followed at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Msgn. Anthony G. Herdegen, Pastor officiated. Committal services and interment were held at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Willin passed away suddenly at his residence in Wofford Heights on Monday, November 8. He was born in Greenland, Michigan on February 23, 1918 and spent his early years traveling about the United States with his parents as his father was a supervisor with the American Bridge Company.

Frank graduated from high school in Gary, Indiana and entered the Army Air Force serving during World War II. He and Miss Mary Hamilton were married in Paducah, Kentucky on March 16, 1941. Following the war he moved to Long Beach, where he resided and worked as a steel inspector for the Smith Emery Company. He retired in 1980 and moved to the Wofford Heights area.

Mr. Wallin was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church, a past president of the Kern River Valley Ducks Unlimited, a member of the B.P.O.E. Lodge #2358, and the V.F.W. Post #7665, and a retired member of the Operating Engineers Union.

He is survived by his wife Mary of the family home in Wofford Heights; one son Patrick and his wife Stephanie Willin of La Costa, California; one daughter Suzanne and her husband Edwin Winship of Wofford Heights; one brother Arthur C. Willin of Corona; four grandchildren Brian, Christopher and Jessica Willin of La Costa, and Keri Duvall of Wofford Heights; one great-grandson Dougie Duvall of Wofford Heights and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Marion Newsom

Private inurnment was held for Bodfish resident Marion A. Newsom, age 86. She passed away at the local hospital on Saturday afternoon on November 6. Interment was at Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Newsom was born June 11, 1907 in Pennsylvania and had resided in West Covina before coming to Bodfish in 1973. Mrs. Newsom was an actress having appeared in many motion pictures.

She is survived by her husband Robert Newsom of Bodfish; daughter Patsy Perkins of Bodfish; daughter Jeanne Merrell and her husband Bill of Bodfish; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
Nov. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert Alexander Tower

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 9, 1993 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Robert Alexander Tower of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Duane Splawn of Kern Valley Christian Church in South Lake. Interment will be held in Michigan. Robert worked for the Detroit Edison Company for 40 years before retiring. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years.

Robert was born June 6, 1915 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away November 4, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a Mason and a Shriner and belonged to the Moose Lodge and Elks and the Computers Club.

He is survived by his wife of 8 years Sue Tower of Lake Isabella; daughter Linda Anderson of Studio City, California; daughter Sherry Rasmussen of Michigan; son Michael Tower of Michigan; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Nov. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Opal House

Memorial services will be held for Opal House, who passed away on November 11 in Hemet, California. The services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 20 in the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church on Lake Isabella Boulevard. A pot faith lunch will follow the services.

Opal and her late husband moved to Lake Isabella in 1969 where she became an active member of the Highland Chapel and was involved in the Grandmothers' Club and 55 Club and other activities. She moved to Hemet in 1990 where she lived in a retirement complex until her death.

Opal is survived by her daughters Cleona and Patricia, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The service will be conducted by Highland Chapel's Pastor Floyd R. Castillo.

Wednesday
Nov. 17, 1993

OBITUARY

Donald Keith Jordan

Donald Keith Jordan, 34, of San Bernardino was shot to death Saturday in San Bernardino.

A native of Riverside, Jordan was a data program manager for International Vending Machines for four years.

Survivors include his parents, Darlene Clark of Weldon and Leo of Hayward, and two brothers, David Wayne of Camarillo and Michael W. of Hayward.

Visitation was held on Friday, with services following, both at Grove Colonial Mortuary in San Bernardino.

Interment was held on Saturday at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Wednesday
Nov. 24, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert Dolphs Bagwell

Graveside services were held Monday, November 22, 1993 at 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Robert Dolphs Bagwell of Weldon. He was born November 2, 1936 in Fresno, California and passed away in Fullerton, California on November 16, 1993 after a long illness. He was 57 years old. Robert was an engineer for 30 years and a resident of the Kern River Valley for 12 years.

He is survived by his mother Freda Bagwell of Selma, California; daughter Loretta Casteel of Simi Valley, California; daughter Sheila Bagwell of Corona, California; son Doug Bagwell of Taft; sister Billie White of Selma, California; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Dec. 1, 1993

OBITUARY

Lola M. Davidson

Graveside services were held Monday, November 29, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Lola Minnie Davidson of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Lola was born March 30, 1905 in Helena, Montana and passed away November 21, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. Lola had lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 5 years and was a life time member of the Eagles.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Joan and Bob Chase of Lake Isabella; son Donald Cairns of Meadow Vista, California; sister Violet Drexell of San Bernardino; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was very devoted to her family and will be missed greatly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Dec. 1, 1993

OBITUARY

Carrie Belle Burke

Mrs. Burke, age 65, passed away at her residence in Lake Isabella on Friday morning, November 19, 1993. She was born in Bristaw, Oklahoma on December 13, 1927. She moved to San Pedro at an early age with her mother and father. Mrs. Burke was stricken with cancer at an early age. Carrie had a lifetime battle with cancer and fought it off many times. She was a fighter and had a strong will to live. She has made history in the medical journals for her survivals. She was loved by many and will be very much missed, but she will be welcomed by more!

Carrie owned and operated the Southern Belle Restaurant in the city of Bodfish for more than 14 years with her husband Jack Burke. Mrs. Burke was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Mt. Mesa.

She is survived by her husband Jack Burke; sons Keith Peterson, Virgil Maxwell and Tom Maxwell, all of Oklahoma; son Craig Maxwell of Lake Isabella; son David Burke of Ridgecrest; daughters Carrie DeeAnn Pedroza Maxwell, Teressa Williams and Tawanna Smith, all of Lake Isabella; brother Shorty Jones of Carson, California; sister Faye Goff of Lake Isabella; 25 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

There will be a private service for family only at a later time. Services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
Dec. 1, 1993

OBITUARY

Janette Opel Reid

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 27, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Janette Opel Reid of Kernville. Officiating was Elder Terry Delvin of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Janette was born November 27, 1918 in Traverse City, Michigan and passed away November 21, 1993 in Bakersfield, California. She was a resident of Kernville for nine years. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

She is survived by her son Terry Devlin of Bakersfield; son Larry Wigent of Lake Isabella; nephews LeRoy and Roy Brace; brother Clifford A. Brace of Arizona; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Cody Jeffrey Walker

As a result of a tragic automobile accident, Kern Valley has lost Cody Jeffrey Walker, a loving, happy school chum and friend. Cody is survived by his mother Tonie; grandparents, Robert and Diane Wolney, Don and Diana King; great-grandparents Frank and Thelma Wilson, Virgil King and Wanda Wolney; aunts and uncles Joe Walker, Jim and Tina Finn, Scott and Andrea Forbes, Greg and Kristy King, Derin and Cassie King, Erik King, Robert Wolney, Jr., Scott and Debra Pearson, William Wolney, Leslie Wolney, and Tracy and Linda Tincher; as well as cousins, Renee Walker, Autumn and Kevin Forbes, Derik, Daniel and Charles King, Monica and Robert Tincher.

Cody will be remembered as the best son, who loved his mom and dad so much that he wrote "I love you" on notes and drawings all the time. Like his father, he was an athlete and loved the outdoors. He loved hunting with his dad and had recently been thrilled to learn to play golf with his mom and dad. He excelled as a baseball player with the local Little League, and was an outstanding soccer player as well. His teammates found him to always be happy, with a warm smile and was a good sport. Like his father, he had great enthusiasm for anything he undertook in life. He was a third grader at Woodrow Wallace Elementary School. His classmates laced carnations in the school fence earlier this week to honor Cody and to express their grief at their great loss.

A beautiful spirit, a ray of sunshine that touched so many lives has been dimmed in our valley, but he will not be forgotten by those whose lives he touched.

Rosary for Cody Walker and his father, Jon Jeffrey Walker, was held at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Wofford Heights, Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. with funeral services at 10:00 a.m., with Monsignor A.G. Herdigen officiating. Interment followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Wednesday
Dec. 8, 1993

OBITUARY

Jon Jeffrey Walker

As a result of a tragic automobile accident, Kern Valley has lost Jon Jeffrey Walker, friend and neighbor. A life-long resident of the area, Jeff is survived by his wife Tonie; father and mother, Robert and Diane Wolney; brothers Robert Wolney, Jr., Joe Walker, William Wolney and Leslie Wolney; sisters Tina Finn, Andrea Forbes, Debra Pearson and Linda Tincher; aunts and uncles, Richard and Barbara Perham, Archie and Carol Plante, and Jim and Judy Downard. Additionally, he will be missed by his cousins, Tony, Mark, Tommy, Mike, Tim, and Melina Plante; and Michelle, Frankie and James Harper; Daniell Witig and Erik Downard; nieces, Renee Walker, Autumn Forbes and Monica Tincher; nephews Derik, Daniel and Charles King, Kevin Forbes and Robert Tincher.

Jeff will be remembered as the best husband and romantic best friend to his wife, and devoted father to Cody. He played ball with his son every day and recently taught Cody and Tonie to play golf.

He owned Wood N'I Construction, and played baseball on Wolney's Cobras. He passionately lived every day to the fullest, enjoying his family, friends and nature. Jeff loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and skiing. He touched many lives and will be missed by those who loved him.

Rosary for Jeffrey Walker and his son, Cody Walker, was held at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Wofford Heights, Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. with funeral services at 10:00 a.m., with Monsignor A.G. Herdigen officiating. Interment followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Wednesday
Dec. 8, 1993

OBITUARY

Harold Wayne Templeton

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 30, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor James Lee of the Valley Community Church of Lake Isabella. Harold was born November 23, 1925 in Seymour, Missouri and passed away November 26, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 68 years old.

Harold was survived by his wife of 48 years Clarabell of Lake Isabella; son John Templeton of Lake Isabella; son Leland Templeton of San Bernardino; daughter Evelyn Paquet of Bodfish; daughter Ellen Tyree of Lake Isabella; daughter Patricia Thompson of Bodfish; brother Eugene Templeton of Arizona; sister Beatrice Pitchford of Arizona; and 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jennie Adler

Graveside services were held Friday, December 3, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at Eden Memorial Park in Mission Hills, California for Jennie Adler of Kernville, California, via the Bronx in New York.

Jennie was born August 22, 1916 and passed away December 1, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. She is survived by her loving son Warren Adler and brother Morris Kleiner.

Jennie will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Wednesday
Dec. 8, 1993

OBITUARY

D. Claiborne Carr

A funeral service was held Sunday, November 28, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for D. Claiborne Carr of Weldon. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Interment will be at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Carr was born October 2, 1920 in Carthage, Missouri and died at his residence in Weldon November 25, 1993. He was 73 years old. Mr. Carr worked as an ironworker for 32 years with Soule' Steel constructing high-rise structures and retired as a foreman. He was a 13 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Marcella of Weldon; son and daughter-in-law Gary and Diane Carr of Weldon; daughter and son-in-law Elouise and Leonard Alexander of Weldon; brothers Wayne Carr and Junior Carr, both of Texas; sister Syble Breckenridge of San Diego, California; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Wednesday
Dec. 15, 1993

OBITUARY

Wednesday
Dec. 15, 1993

OBITUARY

Oran Watson

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m. for Weldon resident Oran Watson, age 72. He passed away in a Bakersfield Hospital on Saturday, December 4.

Mr. Watson was born in Knobel, Arkansas on May 12, 1921 and spent his early years there. He was a World War II veteran having served with the 85th Field Hospital Unit in Europe. Following his discharge from the army in 1945 he moved to Long Beach where he was employed with the City of Long Beach as an automotive mechanic. He and his family first came to Lake Isabella in 1962 and in 1976 he retired and moved to Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife Sarah of Weldon; son James Watson of Long Beach; daughter Sharon K. Newby of Long Beach; daughter Lynn V. Watson of Wofford Heights; brother Orville Watson of Las Vegas; brother Hurcel Watson of Long Beach; brother Travis Watson of Annapolis, Missouri; sister Gladys Pugsley of Idaho; sister Mona Caligiuri of Helendale; sister Ann Lamb of Helendale; sister Bernice Caro of Anaheim. He is also survived by three grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Commital services and interment was held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Sandra Jean Monteith

Memorial services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Saturday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. for Lake Isabella resident Sandra Jean Monteith, age 46. She passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Monday, December 6.

Sandra was born in Oxnard on July 16, 1947 and spent her early years there. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 17 years.

She is survived by her mother Merle Bauch of Lake Isabella; sons John Lipps and Scott Lipps, both of Washington; brother Richard Bauch of Lake Isabella; sister Joann Bettrell of Weldon; one grandson; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Private inurnment was held. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Marie Stover

Private family memorial services will be held for Wofford Heights resident Marie Stover, age 93. She passed away at the local nursing home on Monday, December 6.

Mrs. Stover was born in Tyler, Texas on November 15, 1900. She worked for Bell Telephone Company for over forty years retiring as a chief operator. She and her husband loved the out-of-doors and were avid fishermen and boaters.

She was preceded in death by her husband Brigham Young Stover. She is survived by her son Jack Stover of Wofford Heights; granddaughter Jo Lynn Schoonover of Mt. Mesa; and many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
Dec. 15, 1993

OBITUARY

Jessie Lee Fagan

Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 11, at 1:00 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for little Jessie Lee Fagan. She passed away in Mt. Mesa on Tuesday night, December 7, after a long battle with AIDS which was contracted from tainted blood received from a blood transfusion while being treated for leukemia.

Services were conducted by Pastor Jack Dilly of the Kern Valley Bible Church where Jessie was a member, Pastor David Snow of the Lake Isabella First Baptist Church, and by the U.S. Marines Reserve Battalion of Bakersfield of which Jessie was an Honorary Gunnery Sergeant.

Jessie was born in Bakersfield on July 31, 1983, and she lived in Lake Isabella her entire short lifetime and touched all who knew her with her courage and beautiful personality.

She loved to cook and go shopping. She enjoyed making crafts for the other patients in the hospital during her long stay and like to keep score for her brother Cory's Little League baseball team.

Jessie was preceded in death by her grandparents Harold and Jessie Fagan, formerly of Torrance. She is survived by her parents Roger and Denise Fagan of Alta Sierra; brother Cory Fagan of the family home; grandparents Nadine and Albert St. Ours of Wofford Heights; great-grandmother Lila St. Ours of Wofford Heights; uncles Tom Fagan, Lonnie Decker, Danny Decker; aunts Susan Ritter, Carol Dower, Jeanne Smallwood and Dorothy Woods. She is also survived by many great aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and a community that learned to love her and will greatly miss her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Jessie Fagan Memorial Fund, c/o Kern Valley Bible Church, 3920 Golden Spur Avenue, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Donald Travis Clemens

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Friday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. for Donald T. Clemens, age 31. He passed away as the result of an accident in Lake Isabella on Saturday, December 4.

Donald was born in Compton on April 19, 1962 and spent his early years and received his education there. He had resided in Lake Isabella for the past six years.

He is survived by his wife Diana Clemens; children San Travis Clemens, Donald Travis Clemens Jr. and Natasha Ann Clemens, all of Lake Isabella; father Charles Clemens of Long Beach; mother Thelma Clemens of Lake Isabella; grandparents Travis and Valerie Kelley and Kathleen Clemens, all of Lake Isabella; brother Kelley Clemens of Tehachapi; and many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Daniel James Madison

Private services were held at Wiefels & Son Chapel on December 3, 1993 for Daniel James Madison. His ashes were scattered at sea off Newport Beach, California on the Reveille on December 18, 1993 at approximately 10:00 a.m.

He was born August 15, 1942 in Long Beach, California and passed away on December 1, 1993 at the age of 51. He had been a resident of Cathedral City, California for two years; of Newport Beach, California for three years; and of Weldon for two years.

Daniel attended high school at Anaheim Union High School and later worked in property management with Madison Investments. He was a member of the Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum.

He is survived by his parents James D. and Ann T. Madison of Wofford Heights; brother Thomas G. Madison and sister-in-law Jeanne Madison, both of Cathedral City, California; nephew James R. Madison and niece Anne Marie Madison, also of Cathedral City; uncle George Asaley of Kernville; cousin Donna Ann Phillipson of Grass Valley, California; aunt Grayce Madison of Ridgecrest, California; cousin Michael Madison of Bennington, Vermont; cousin Sandra Smallwood of Oceano, California.

Arrangements by Wiefels & Son in Palm Springs, California.

Wednesday
Dec. 22, 1993

OBITUARY

Eileen Ella Fears

Funeral services were held Friday, December 17, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Eileen Ella Fears of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Eldon and Mary Beth Nickelson, First Congregational Church of Christ.

She was born November 6, 1923 in Brighton, Colorado and passed away in her home on December 10, 1993 in Lake Isabella. She had just celebrated her 70th birthday.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband Paul and her stepfather Elton (Salty) Morton. She leaves her son Bob Lintz, Sr. and his wife Terri; grandson Bob Jr.; grandson Brian and his wife Gena; granddaughter Jennifer and her husband Randy; great-grandchild Kripten. She also leaves her sister Elsie (Babe) Almer and her husband Don; seven nieces and nephews: Dana, Denese, Joey, Pete, Tammy, Donald and Kristy; and great-nieces and nephews.

Interment at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Dec 22, 1993

OBITUARY

Mollie Mae Jobe

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Past Francis Edge of the Pentecostal Church of God officiating. Commital services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Jobe passed away in a Bakersfield Nursing Home on Wednesday evening, December 15. She was born in Logan, West Virginia on October 25, 1910 and spent her early years there. She moved with her family to the Artesia area in 1945 and resided there until 1963 when she moved to the Lake Isabella area.

She was preceded in death by her husband Smith K. Jobe In 1976. She is survived by her daughter Gerry Flood of Lake Isabella; daughter Margie Turner of Tombstone, Arizona; sister Jackie Dickson of Santa Maria; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Grandma, we saw you suffer for four years and now you can breathe with peace.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Wednesday
Dec. 22, 1993

OBITUARY

James Oliver, Jr.

A memorial service will be held December 23, 1993 at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Cathedral City, California for James Oliver, Jr.

James was born August 1, 1918 in Tacoma, Washington and passed away December 11, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years. He served in the U.S. Army for three years during the second world war.

He is survived by brothers Rex and Joe Oliver; sisters Frances Talleretti and Mary Stevens; and several nieces and nephews, all of Tacoma, Washington. Also stepdaughter Norma Jean Dunham of Lake Isabella and stepdaughter Beth Anne Neal of Indio Hills, California; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He is loved and will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday
Dec. 29, 1993

OBITUARY

Wednesday
Dec. 29, 1993

OBITUARY

Robert Dale Thomas

Memorial services were held Thursday, December 23, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Robert Dale Thomas, age 78, who passed away December 19, 1993 in Mt. Mesa, California. Pastor John Carpenter officiated.

Robert Thomas was born in Colorado and had resided in the Kern Valley area for 38 years. He was the founder of Thomas Refuse Service. He also was retired from Southern California Edison after 29 years of service ran a self-service laundry and a Dari-Delite restaurant. He enjoyed gardening and cooking.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years Mae Thomas; daughter Karen Louise Larson; son Michael Dean Thomas; brother Bud Thomas; sisters Bea Lorack, Doris Johnson and Lois Beary; seven grandchildren - Craig Larson, Colleen Larson, Eileen Coursey, Michael Potter, Kevin Potter, Michael Thomas and Sheri Thomas; four great-grandchildren - Joshua and Matthew Coursey and Emily and Garrett Potter.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary Funeral Home.

Carl W. Morris

Private services will be held for Carl W. Morris, age 75. He passed away in a Bakersfield convalescent hospital on Thursday evening, December 16.

Mr. Morris was born in Cartersville, Georgia on June 8, 1918 and had been a resident of Lake Isabella area for the past 15 years coming from the Simi Valley area. He was a retired brick mason. Mr. Morris was a member of the L.O.O.M. Lodge #498 of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his son Carl Walter Morris, Jr. of Redondo Beach; daughter Diane Storm of Bodfish; daughter Betty Thaller of Littlerock, California; brother George Morris, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia; sister Mae Willis of Forrest Park, Georgia; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many friends.

Private inurnment was held. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Duane L. Petersen

Memorial services will be held at a later date for long time area resident Duane L. Petersen, age 61. Mr. Petersen passed away at the local hospital on Friday, December 17.

He was born in Iowa on August 8, 1932. He had resided here for the past 21 years. Mr. Petersen was employed by the Bureau of Land Management. He was a member of the American Legion and the Sideband C.B. Club of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife Mabel of Lake Isabella; son Duane Petersen, Jr. of Lake Isabella; daughter Linda Momney of Lake Isabella; brother Dallas Petersen of Virginia and many friends.

Private inurnment was held. Services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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